

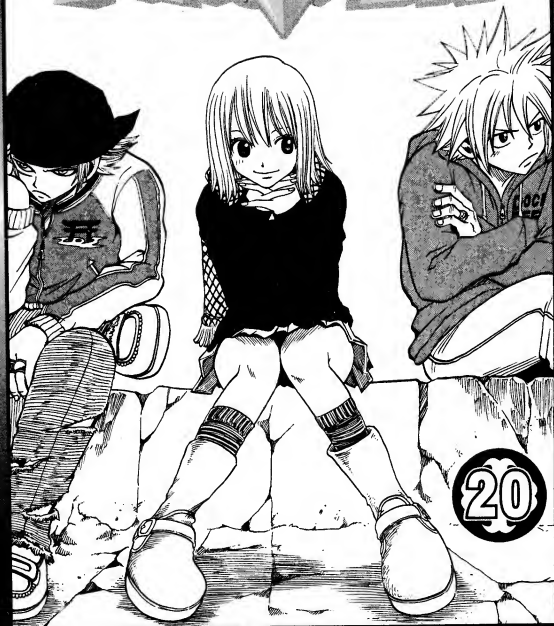
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VOLUME 20

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THE RAVE MASTER CREW

HARU GLORY

A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword**, a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. With Demon Card seemingly out of the way, Haru now seeks the remaining two Rave Stones in order to open the way to Star Memory.

ELIE

The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion**.

RUBY

A "penguin-type" senteniod, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!

GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)

Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elie.

MUSICA

A "**Silverclaimer**" (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?

LET

A member of the Dragon race, he was formerly a member of the Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master.

PLUE

The **Rave Bearer**, Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.

THE ORACION SIX

Demon Card's six generals. Haru defeated Shuda after finding the Rave of Wisdom. The other five generals were presumed dead after King destroyed Demon Card Headquarters.

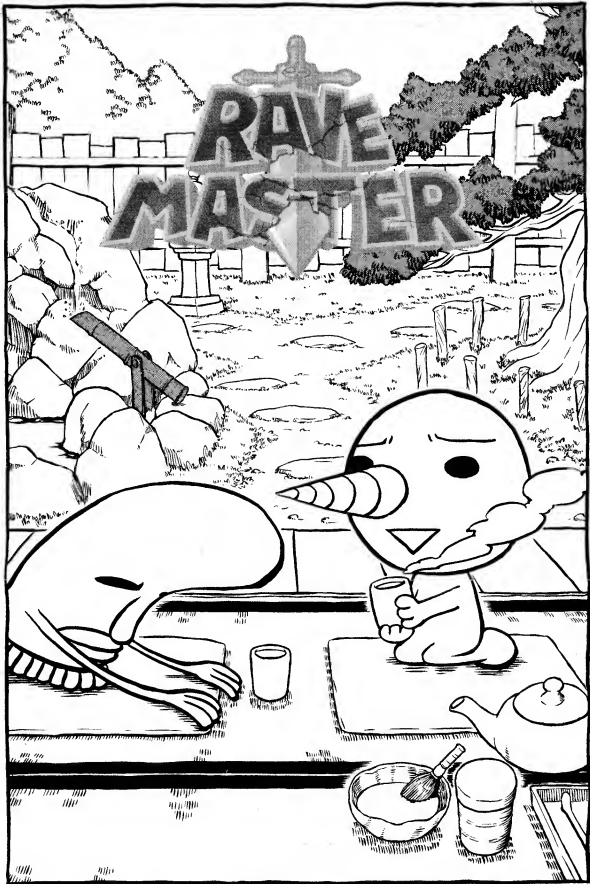
THE STORY SO FAR...

Haru and the others are attacked by a group known as "**Underground**," as well as by **Deep Snow's** goons. They manage to survive both waves, but when Deep Snow arrives at the fray, our banged-up heroes opt for a hasty retreat. However, Shuda arrives in time to pick up the slack, and Deep Snow is more than happy to oblige. **Shuda** wants to burn the man who replaced him in the **Oracion Six** until he's extra crispy...while Deep Snow wants Shuda dead to sedate his pride. But storm clouds heavy with rain may douse Shuda's fire...and drown any hopes of him winning against his powerful foe.





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I GUESS
IT'S
GONNA
RAIN.

PUUN!!

ホッ

ホッ

AAAH!!

ビュッ

SERIOUSLY,
ELIE. YIKES.

OH,
ENVY

I'M SORRY!
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY!!

Sniff!

WHOA!
ER, ELIE,
WATCH
WHERE
YOU'RE--

きん

THUNDER!!



HEY!!

'TIS A
JEALOUSY
BEAM.



NOTHING
PERSONAL...
JUST...
LEGGO.



SOMETHING'S BURNIN'
INTO MY BACK.



YOUR
HAND!
HER
BUTT!
COUNTS!!

NOT IF I DIDN'T
MEAN TO!
THAT'S AN ACT
OF GOD!

THAT
STILL
COUNTS
AS FEELIN'
HER UP!!



DID I? I
DIDN'T
MEAN TO.
AND I JUST
KINDA...
GRAZED IT.

IT'S NOT
THAT! DIDN'T
YOU JUST
SEE MUSICA
TOTALLY RUB
ELIE'S BUTT?!



IT'S REALLY
POURING, POYO!



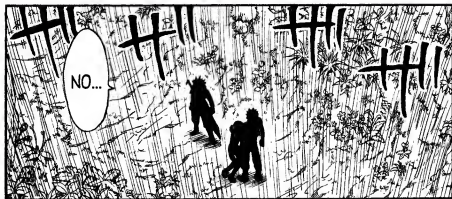
Don't even
joke!

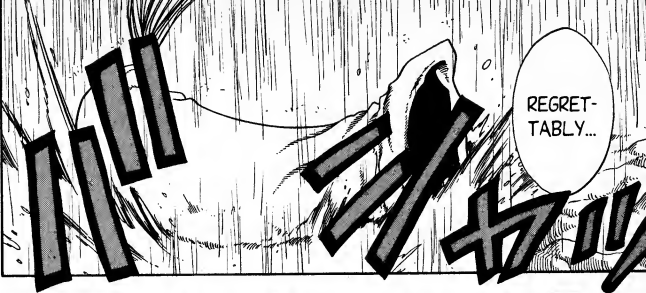
HEY, IF YOU'VE
GOT BUTT-
RUBBING ENVY SO
BAD, YOU'VE GOT
THE MOTHER
OF ALL ASSES
RIGHT THERE.



SHUDA'S
POWER IS
FLAME,
REMEMBER?







REGRET-
TABLY...



IF YOU THINK
A LITTLE RAIN
CAN SNUFF MY
FIRE...YOU'RE IN
FOR A PAINFUL
SURPRISE.



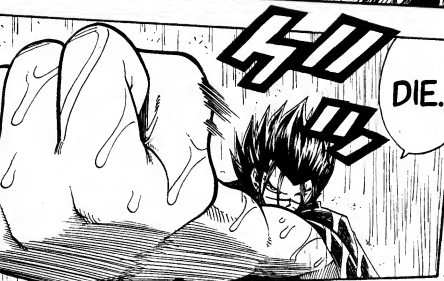
...THIS RAIN
HAS DOUSED
ALL SIGN
OF YOUR
FLAMES.



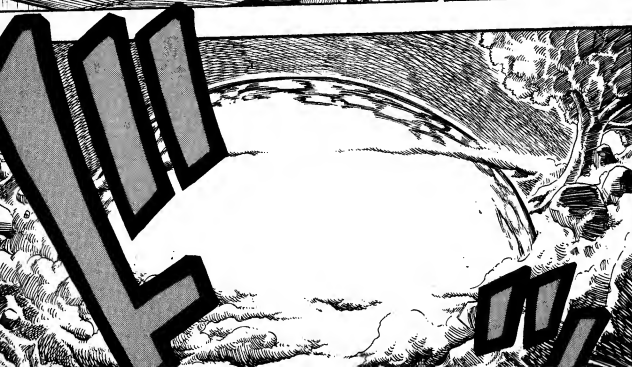
EXPLOSIVE
FLAME
BALLET!



ALLOW
ME TO
DEMON-
STRATE...



ㄱ ㄱ ㄱ
X:100% Y:100%
DAMAGE 102087
ㄱ ㄱ ㄱ







...ALL THAT
FLOWS IS
MY ALLY.

MY POWER IS
"FLOW." WITH THE
FLOW SIX STAR
ZERO STREAM...



...AND THE
BLOOD IN
YOUR VEINS.



...WIND...



SUCH AS
WATER...



G
A
A
H
H
!!



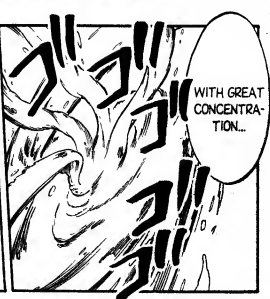
YOUR DB...
IS IN-
TRIGLING.



HE
RESTORED
HIS BLOOD
FLOW
HIMSELF?



ALL THE
MORE REASON
FOR ME TO
TAKE IT FOR
MYSELF.





WHAT?!



99.9%



EXPLOSIONS?!

SO YOU
INTEND TO
BLIND ME...



UN-
LESS
...



THE RAIN
HAS INDEED
HAMPERED
YOUR BLASTS.

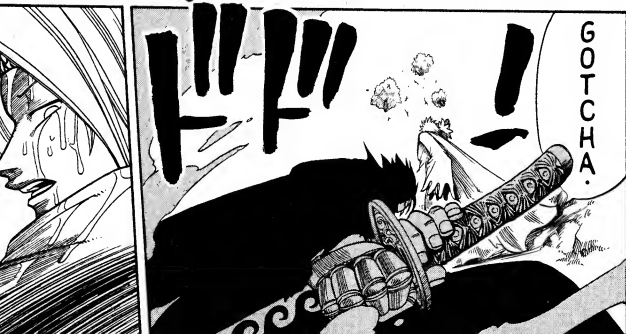
HMM...IT
SEEMS
THEY'RE
STILL TOO
WEAK.



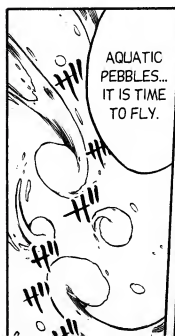
...YOU
MEANT
TO FELL
THE
TREES!



WIND!!



GOTCHA.



AQUATIC
PEBBLES...
IT IS TIME
TO FLY.

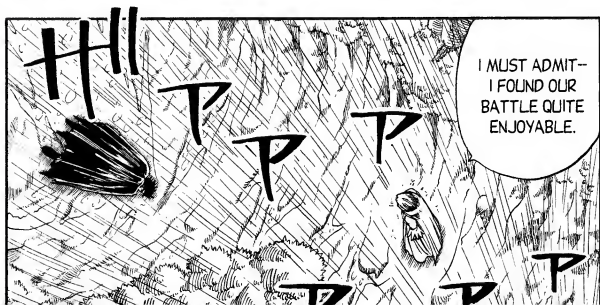
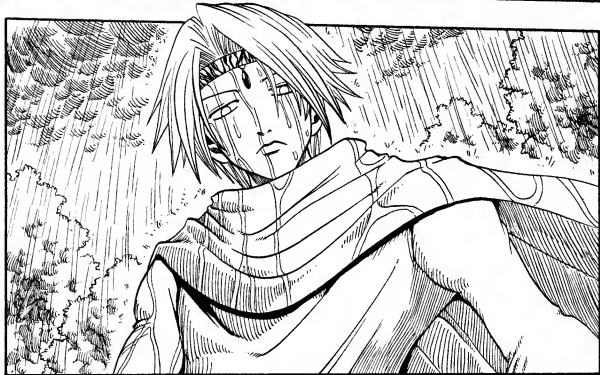


W
A
T
E
R
?



YOU ARE
THE
FOOL
HERE!







SO I
COULDN'T
FIGHT IN
COMPLETE
SERIOUSNESS.

BUT YOU
FAILED TO
MEET THE
STANDARDS
OF THE
ORACION SIX.



WHERE
DID THAT
RAVE
MASTER
RUN TO?

NOW,
THEN...







...NO
MATTER
HOW
SMALL
THAT
SPACE
MAY BE.



...AT A
PARTICULAR
POINT IN
SPACE...

FLAME
BULLET
CAUSES AN
EXPLOSION...



YOUR
PRECIOUS
RAIN ISN'T
THERE.

PSY
PSY

SO I
MERELY
SHOVED IT
DOWN YOUR
THROAT.



NO--
IMPRESSIONING
TARGETING.
I DIDN'T
EXPECT IT
FROM YOU.

I-I SEE...AN
IMPRESSIONING
DARK BRING.



MY
ELDER...
KING...
PLEASE
FORGIVE
ME.

I NOW
RELEASE
MY
FORBIDDEN
POWER--
THE TYPE
56 DARK
BRING!

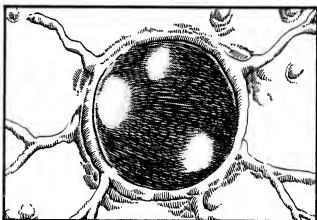


RAVE:157  THE FORBIDDEN POWER



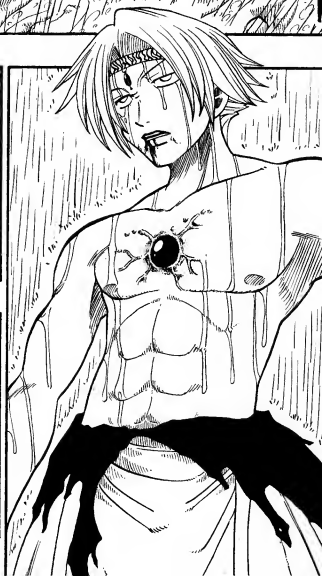
NEVER
HEARD
OF IT.

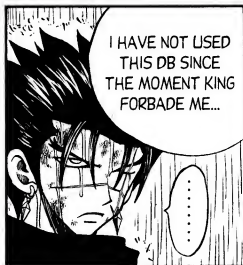
TYPE 56
DARK
BRING?



WHY IS IT
EMBEDDED
IN HIM?

IS
THAT
THE
TYPE
56?







KING
WAS
AFRAID
OF MY
POWER.





I CAN FREELY
USE THE
POWER THAT
SLEEPS
WITHIN
"NORMAL"
HUMANS.

THIS DB
DRAWS FORTH
THE LATENT
ABILITY OF AN
INDIVIDUAL.

IMPOSS...

I DIDN'T
SEE HIM
MOVE!



AN
AWESOME
POWER IS
HIDDEN
WITHIN US
ALL.

YOU
CANNOT
FATHOM IT.



LATENT
WHAT?!



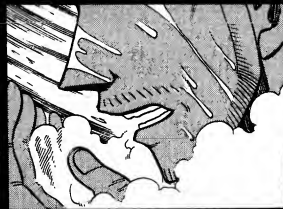
...THAT
HUMANS ARE
CAPABLE OF
THIS.

I ASSUME
YOU NEVER
SUSPECTED...



BUT I
AM CAP-
ABLE!

FORGIVE
ME, KING...
BUT I
MUST USE
THIS FOR
DEMON
CARD.





LUCIA...

EMILIA!

AAAAGH!!

Amelia and Lucia, King's wife and son, supposedly died in the siege. King was unaware of Lucia's survival.

あああああ
AAAAAGH!!

The year was 0056. Marry Loose was raided by Imperial forces and Demon Card HQ was destroyed.

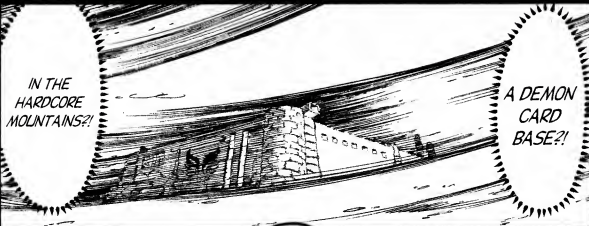
!

Hah!

Huff!

King traveled north alone... to restore Demon Card.

Hah!



IN THE
HARDCORE
MOLINTAINS?!

A DEMON
CARD
BASE?!



I AM KNOWN AS IGOR.
I RESEARCH NEW
WEAPONS AND DARK
BRINGS IN THIS BASE.
HEE HEE!

DC Hardcore Base Researcher
Dr. Igor Kilgila

HEE HEE! SO WE
MEET AT LAST,
SIR. I HEARD
ABOUT HQ...VERY
UNFORTUNATE...
VERY
UNFORTUNATE.



THERE ARE
USUALLY
A FEW
SOLDIERS
AS WELL,
BUT...

HEE
HEE!
I DO,
SIR!

THIS IS A
LARGE BASE.
YOU USE IT
ALONE?



AH! BEFORE
YOU ASK, MY
EXPERIMENTS
ARE PERFECT!

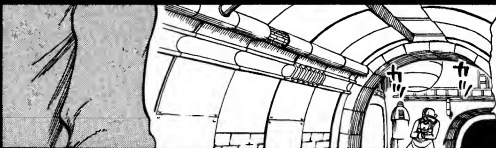


...MY
MODIFI-
CATIONS
ON THEM
LARGELY
FAILED.

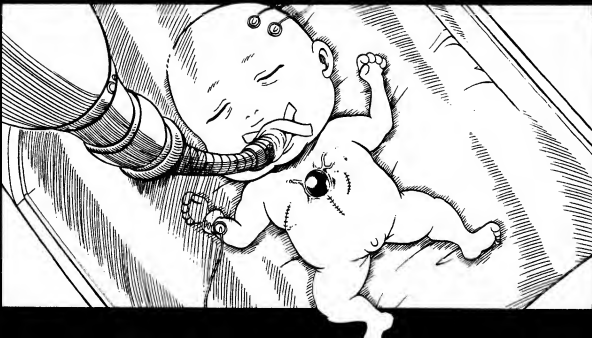


MY
SUBJECTS
WERE SIMPLY
TOO WEAK.
HEE HEE!

THE
REST RAN
OFF. THE
YOUNG ARE
COWARDLY,
SIR.



I WOULD
LIKE TO
SHOW YOU
SOMETHING,
SIR.



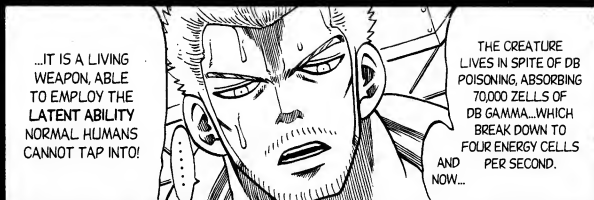


I FUSED
IT
WITH A
PERFECT
HUMAN
BABY.



I CALL IT THE
TYPE 56 DB.
JUST FINISHED
THIS YEAR.

WHAT
IS
THAT?



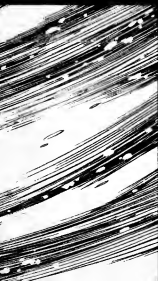
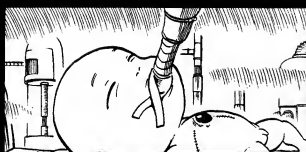
...IT IS A LIVING
WEAPON, ABLE
TO EMPLOY THE
LATENT ABILITY
NORMAL HUMANS
CANNOT TAP INTO!

THE CREATURE
LIVES IN SPITE OF DB
POISONING, ABSORBING
70,000 ZELLS OF
DB GAMMA...WHICH
BREAK DOWN TO
FOUR ENERGY CELLS
PER SECOND.

AND
NOW...

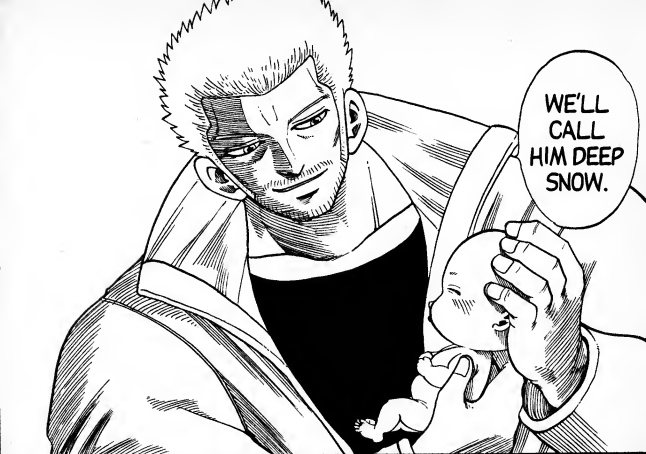


LUCIA...



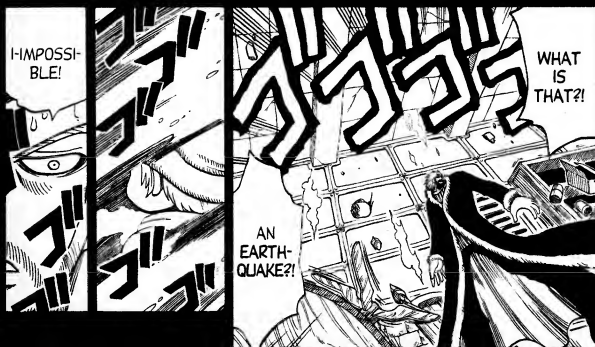
HM? HE HAS
NONE. NAME
HIM IF YOU'D
LIKE, SIR.

WHAT'S
HIS
NAME?





HE'S THE
SAME
AGE AS
LUCIA
WAS.





A WOLF
ATTACKED
ME, AN'...!



IT WAS A
W-WOLF!



MAGNIFICENT!
SUCH POWER--
AND FROM A
CHILD, YES!!

AS THE BOY
GROWS, THE
TYPE 56 DB
WILL GROW
STRONGER
STILL!!

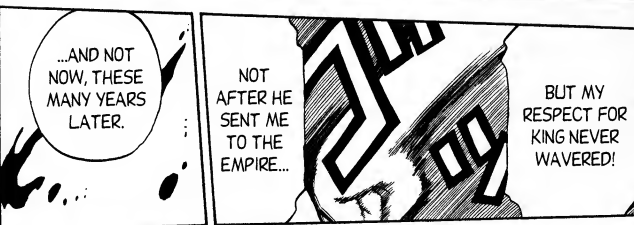


Sniff
Sniffle Sniff



HE WAS
AFRAID
OF ME.

KING'S FACE AT
THAT MOMENT
IS FOREVER
ETCHED IN MY
MEMORY.



...AND NOT
NOW, THESE
MANY YEARS
LATER.

NOT
AFTER HE
SENT ME
TO THE
EMPIRE...

BUT MY
RESPECT FOR
KING NEVER
WAVERED!



THE FIRST
AND LAST
TIME I WAS
EMBRACED...

...I FELT
UNPARAL-
LELED
WARMTH.



Y-YOU...THINK
KING S-SENT
YOU...TO THE...
EMPIRE OUT OF
F-FEAR...?

Huff...

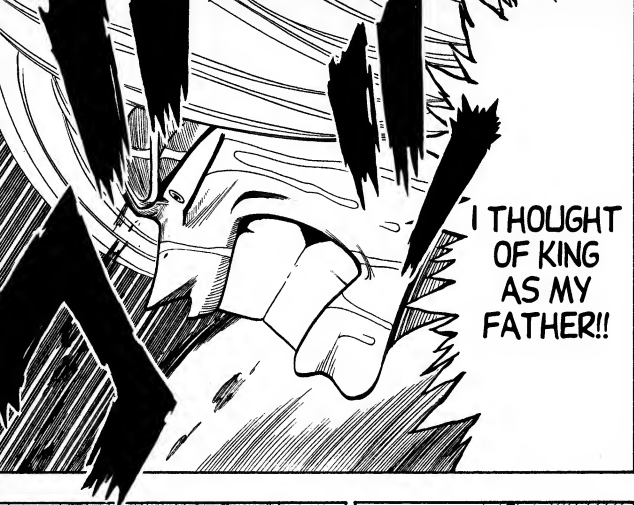
Hah...

S-SO WHY
ALL THE LOYALTY
IF HE T-TREW
YOU AWAY?

Hah...

Hah...

Hah...



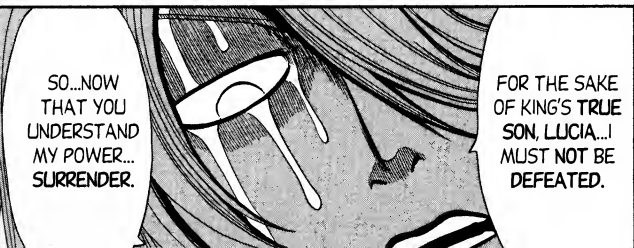
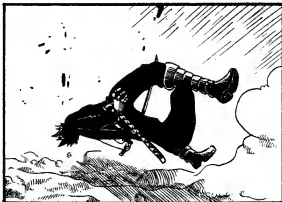
I THOUGHT
OF KING
AS MY
FATHER!!



I WILL
NEVER
FORGIVE
THAT!

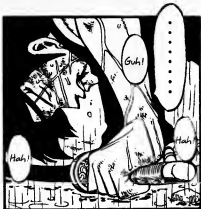
YOU
BETRAYED
KING!

THIS
ISN'T
ABOUT
THE
ORACION
SIX!



SO...NOW
THAT YOU
UNDERSTAND
MY POWER...
SURRENDER.

FOR THE SAKE
OF KING'S TRUE
SON, LUCIA...I
MUST NOT BE
DEFEATED.





NOW
THOSE
WORDS
HAVE
BECOME
MINE.



A BLADE
FROM
WITHIN A
BLADE?!

...BUT I
HAVE MINE
TO GALE. I
CAN'T LOSE,
EITHER.

YOU
HAVE
YOUR
PROMISE
TO KING...





HARU
HAS
GALE'S
BLOOD...

...BUT I
HAVE
GALE'S
SWORD.

RAVE MASTER

0063--KUBA DESERT

HAGHCK!

HGGCK!

NNGH!

HACK!

YOU'RE AN EYESORE.

GET LOST.

...IS
GALE
GLORY.

SO
THIS...

HE'S SO...
STRONG!

THE END OF EARTH
INSIDE ME--THE
OVERDRIVE--COULD
GO OFF AND KILL
US BOTH.

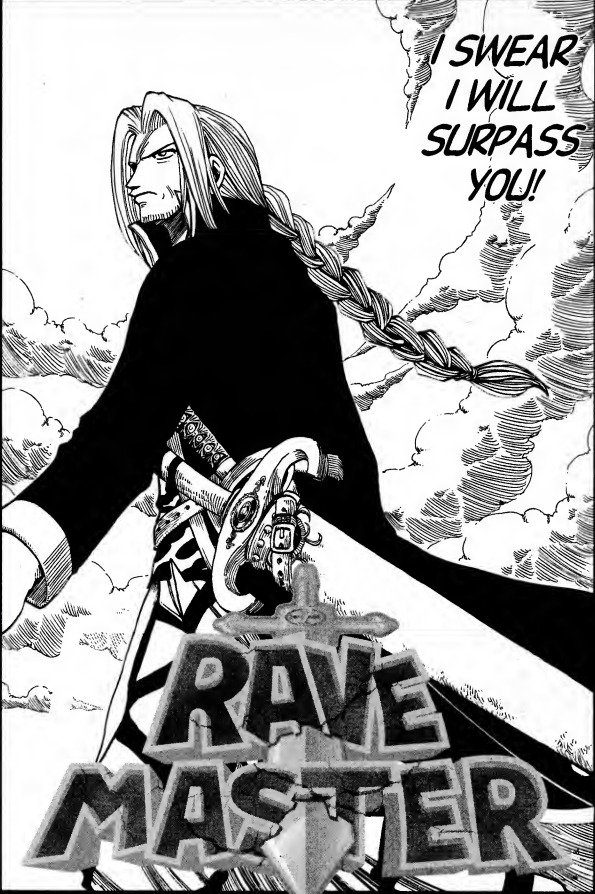
AND DON'T
TRY THAT
AGAIN.

GALE...

THIS...THIS IS
HUMILIATING!
DAMMIT!

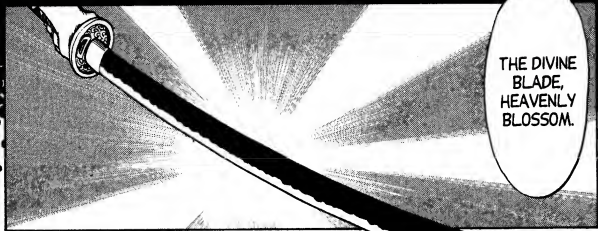
I
COULDN'T
EVEN
SCRATCH
HIM!

I'M THE
BEST
BOUNTY
HUNTER
ON THE
CONTINENT.

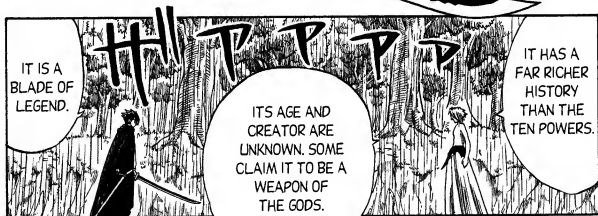


**I SWEAR
I WILL
SURPASS
YOU!**

RAVE MASTER



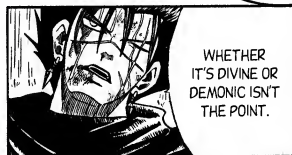
THE DIVINE
BLADE,
HEAVENLY
BLOSSOM.



IT IS A
BLADE OF
LEGEND.

ITS AGE AND
CREATOR ARE
UNKNOWN. SOME
CLAIM IT TO BE A
WEAPON OF
THE GODS.

IT HAS A
FAR RICHER
HISTORY
THAN THE
TEN POWERS.



WHETHER
IT'S DIVINE OR
DEMONIC ISN'T
THE POINT.

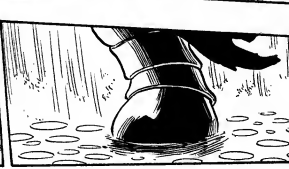
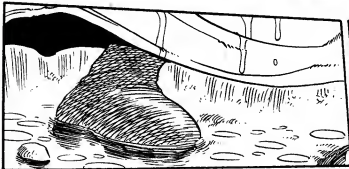
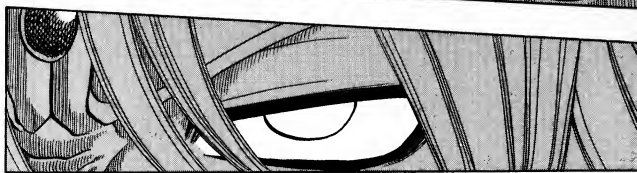
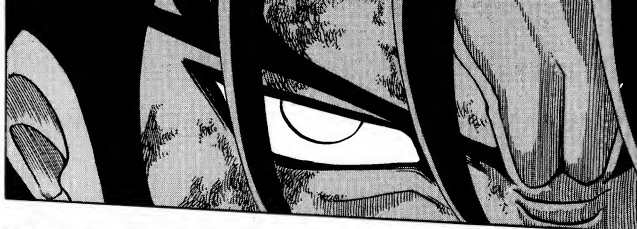


DO YOU
EXPECT ME
TO RECOIL
FROM THE
MERE SIGHT
OF IT?



WHAT
MATTERS
IS WHO I
INHERITED IT
FROM...







...WITH MY
POWER
AND WITH
GALE'S
SWORD...

...LET
ME WIN THIS!



IN THIS
MOMENT...



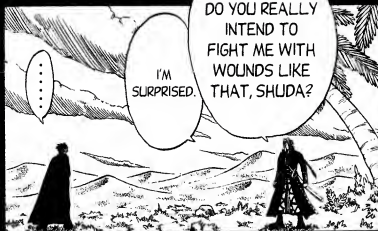
LET ME
FULFILL MY
WARRIOR'S
PLEDGE!!



YOU
DON'T
GIVE
UP, DO
YOU?



I MET
YOUR
SON.



...

I'M
SURPRISED.

DO YOU REALLY
INTEND TO
FIGHT ME WITH
WOUNDS LIKE
THAT, SHUDA?



!!



...

WE
FOUGHT--
AND I
LOST.

HARU GLORY...
I COULD SEE
THE FAMILY
RESEM-
BLANCE.

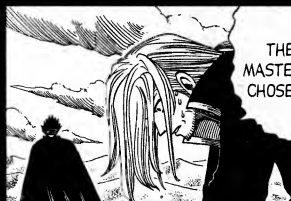


EVEN IN
DEMON CARD,
SO FEW
MEN ARE
REMOТЕLY
CLOSE
TO YOUR
LEVEL...

AND YOU
LOST?!

WHY
WOULD
HARU
F-FIGHT
YOU?

Y-YOU
FOUGHT MY
SON? MY HARU?
BUT WHY...WHY
WOULD HE...



THE RAVE
MASTER, R-RAVE
CHOSE MY SON.



LET
ME GUESS--
YOU CAN'T
GO BECAUSE
OF THE BOMB
INSIDE YOU.



DO YOU
WANT TO
MEET HIM?
HE SHOULD
BE IN
EXPERIMENT
BY NOW.



THE ENCLAIM
CEREMONY*
IS COMING UP.



I'M SURE
HARU AND
KING ARE
HEADED
FOR LUCA.

*Enclaim ceremony = ceremony for mass DB production



MY
ENDLESS
JOURNEY...
MAY END
TODAY.

I'M
GOING TO
DEFEAT
KING!!



IT...IT
MIGHT
BE "THE
TIME."



?



THEN I'M
COMING
WITH YOU.
THE OPPOSI-
TION'S STIFF.

I FIGURED
AS MUCH.



BESIDES...
I WANT TO
FIGHT WITH
YOU, FOR A
CHANGE.

I HAVE NO
LOVE FOR
THEM.

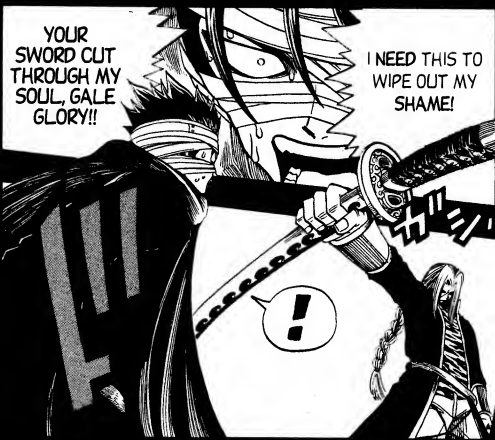
WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

YOU'RE
DEMON
CARD!



WHAT, SO
I'M NOT
INVOLVED
NOW?
GET OVER
YOURSELF.

NO. I
APPRECIATE
IT, BUT I
HAVE TO
FIGHT KING
ALONE.



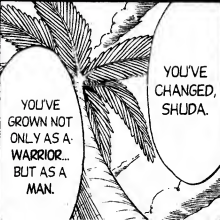
YOUR
SWORD CUT
THROUGH MY
SOUL, GALE
GLORY!!

I NEED THIS TO
WIPE OUT MY
SHAME!



I SAID
NO.

!



YOU'VE
GROWN NOT
ONLY AS A
WARRIOR...
BUT AS A
MAN.

YOU'VE
CHANGED,
SHUDA.



THE DIVINE
BLADE,
HEAVENLY
BLOSSOM. IT'S
ODD...MY WIFE'S
NAME MEANS
"BLOSSOM."

I CAME
ACROSS
THIS AFTER
WANDERING
THE DESERT
FOR TEN
YEARS.



...THEN
TAKE THIS
SWORD.

IF YOU
HONESTLY
WANT
TO FIGHT
BESIDE
ME...



I'M ASKING
YOU NOW
TO CHANGE
YOUR ANGLE.

MAYBE OUR
BATTLES
PROCEED IN
THE SAME
DIRECTION.



...HE
ENTRUSTS
ALL.

TO WHOM
A WARRIOR
ENTRUSTS
HIS BLADE...



I DON'T
NEED
ANYTHING
FOR
MYSELF!!

JUST
PLEASE,
PROTECT
MY
FAMILY!!

HE COULD DO
NOTHING SAY
NOTHING AND IT
WAS KILLING HIM

HED HELD IT
IN FOR TEN
YEARS

I SWORE
TO ON THE
TEARS OF
A GREAT
WARRIOR!

I WILL
PROTECT
THEM!!

I AM
PREPARED
TO LAY
DOWN MY
LIFE FOR
DEMON
CARD!!

I AM
A SON
OF THE
GREAT
KING!!



I
SHALL
BREAK
YOU!

WITHIN
THIS BLOW
I CHANNEL
ALL THE
POWER OF
MY DARK
BRING!!



PERHAPS YOU DID
NOT LOVE ME.

BUT I...

FATHER...

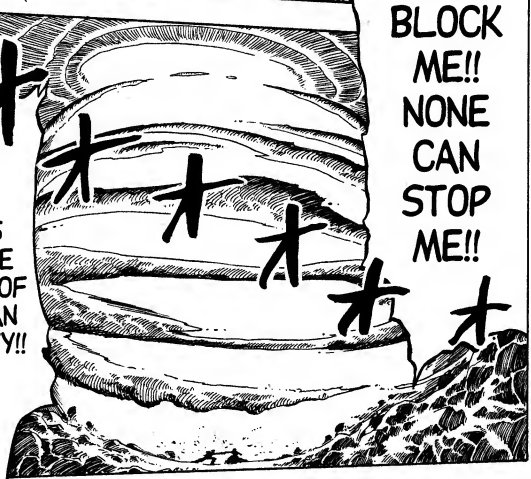


I AM FREE
TO FEEL
FOR YOU
AS I WISH!



NNGH! YOU'RE
STOPPING MY
BLADE WITH
YOUR FIST?!

NONE
CAN
BLOCK
ME!!
NONE
CAN
STOP
ME!!



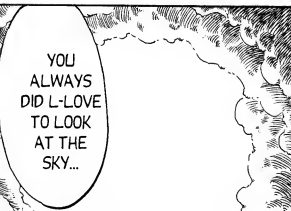
THIS
IS THE
LIMIT OF
HUMAN
ABILITY!!



THEN I'LL
JUST HAVE
TO SURPASS
THAT LIMIT...



GALE...



YOU
ALWAYS
DID L-LOVE
TO LOOK
AT THE
SKY...



...WITH A
SINGLE
STRIKE
OF
GALE'S
SOUL!!



THE
BLUE
SKY OF
VIC-
TORY.

Q&A CORNER!!

A.K.A. Question Corner

Q. Do Ellie's Tonfas have triggers somewhere?

(Teketeke of Shimane Prefecture and MANY others)

A. Uh...people have been asking that for ages, and I told them that I, er, **DON'T KNOW EITHER!** (^_^) Sorry. Still, you can see them in the **RAVE MASTER** anime.



See, here's
a trigger!



When a finger pulls
the trigger, multiple
rounds fire.

Q. Tanchimo died on p. 57 of Vol. 14, didn't he? Like THIS.



(Griffon Jirou of Chiba Prefecture and others)

A. Yup. He's died multiple times. Read a little more carefully and see for yourself!

Q. On p. 28 of Vol. 10, is that the father of the Jiggle Butt Gang's Boss chasing after Shiba?

(Shinobu of Saitama Prefecture and others)

A. So good of you to notice. He was imprisoned in the 50's for purse-snatching. Good thing he didn't end up in Symphonia's prison or he'd have died when Overdrive wrecked Symphonia.

Q. If Griff is three years old, how does he know about Cookie, who was imprisoned for ten years?

(MD over CD of Okayama Prefecture and others)

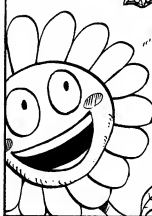
A. Er...someone could've told him. Or he read about Cookie in a book.

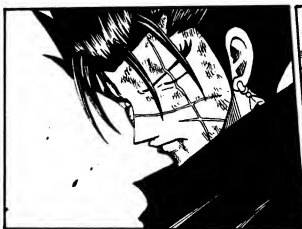
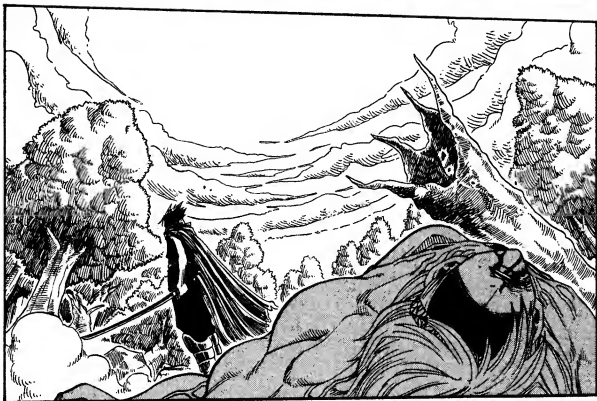
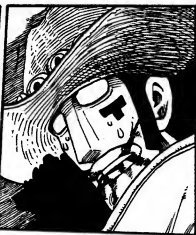
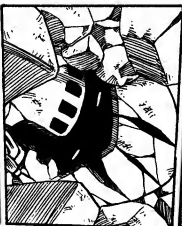
RAVE MASTER

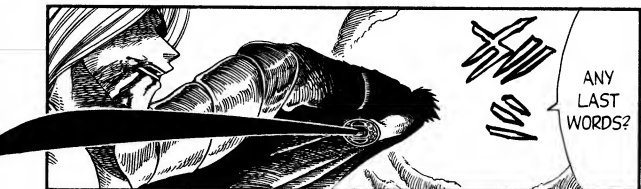
VIVA LA SKY!

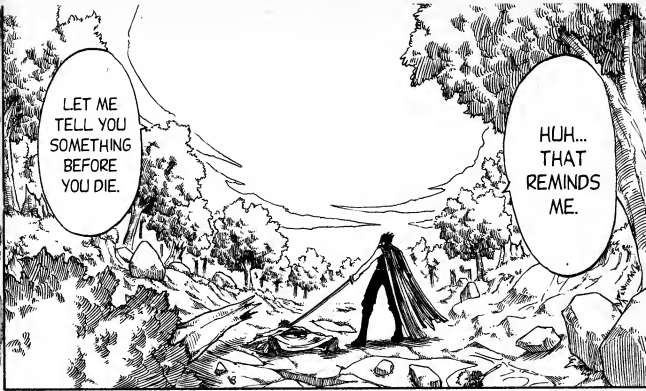
COMPOSERS: RUBY & HIS FOREST FRIENDS

GOOD MORNING, POYO!
NICE WEATHER, POYO!
RING THAT CHIME!
SING AND DANCE,
EVERYONE, LET'S
ENJOY! POYOOO!









LET ME
TELL YOU
SOMETHING
BEFORE
YOU DIE.

HUH...
THAT
REMINDS
ME.



THERE WAS A
TIME, BACK WHEN
I WAS STILL IN
DEMONICARD...



OUR SOUTHERN
FRONT IS
PARTICULARLY
DEPLETED.

THREE FORTS
HAVE FALLEN
TO RESISTANCE
FORCES THIS
MONTH ALONE.



AT THIS RATE,
THE SOUTH
WILL BE LOST.



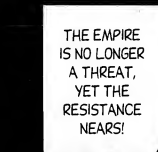
I'D
NEVER
HEARD
THE
NAME.

DEEP
SNOW?

THEN LET US
RECALL DEEP
SNOW. HE CAN
STRENGTHEN
OUR SOUTHERN
FORCES.

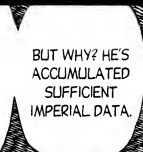


THE RESISTANCE.
BAH! THEY'RE
MORE TROUBLE
THAN THE
IMPERIAL ARMY.

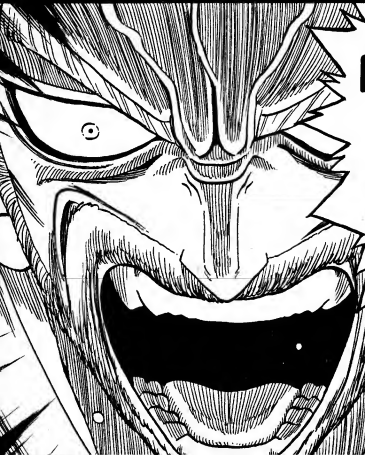


THE EMPIRE
IS NO LONGER
A THREAT,
YET THE
RESISTANCE
NEARS!

BUT WHY? HE'S
ACCUMULATED
SUFFICIENT
IMPERIAL DATA.



NO.



DIDN'T
YOU
HEAR
ME?!



RECALL
DEEP SNOW
TO OUR ARMY.
I BEG YOU!

BUT--

I ALREADY
SAID NO.
FORGET
HIM.



ENOUGH!
KILL ME,
PLEASE!



I WAS
HATED...

I S-SEE...
EVEN MY
MEMORY
LEFT A FOUL
TASTE IN HIS
MOUTH...

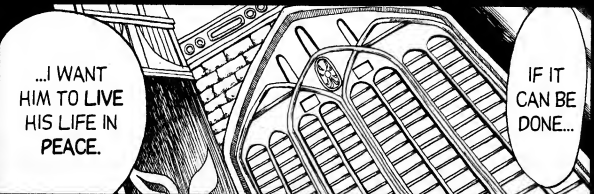


THAT'S NOT
THE END OF
THE STORY.



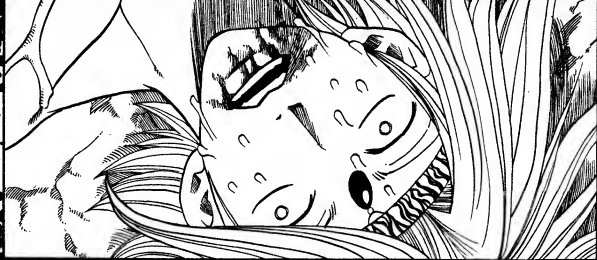
I WANTED
TO SPARE
HIM THE
PATH OF
EVIL.

I SENT DEEP
SNOW AWAY
FROM DEMON
CARD FOR A
REASON.



...I WANT
HIM TO LIVE
HIS LIFE IN
PEACE.

IF IT
CAN BE
DONE...



IS HE A
BETTER
WARRIOR
THAN I?!



KING...WHO
IS DEEP
SNOW?!



KEEP
THAT TO
YOURSELF,
SHUDA.

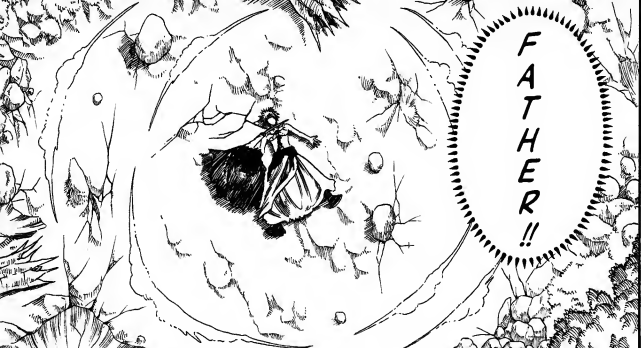


DEEP
SNOW...
IS MY
SON.

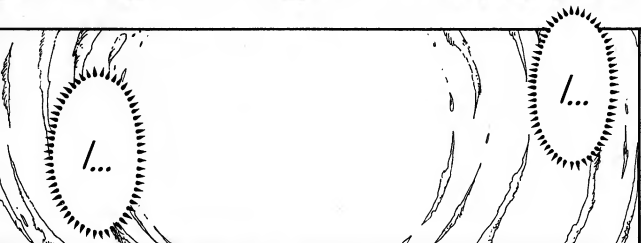
MY
OTHER
SON.



FATHER!!

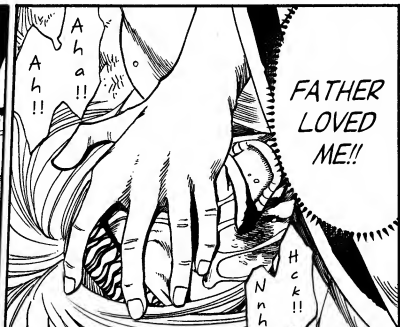
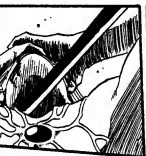


FATHER!!



I...

I...

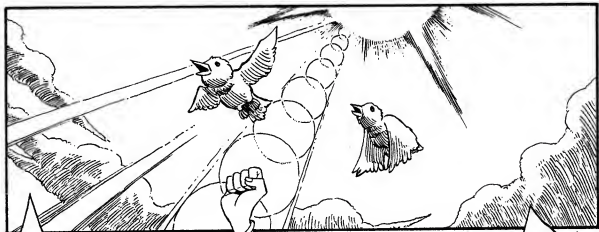


A h a !!
A h !!

FATHER
LOVED
ME!!

H c k !!
N n h !!





HELLO,
MR. SUN!

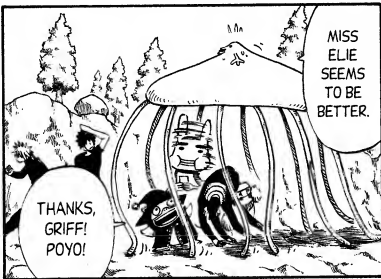
PUNN!!

WHEEE!!



THREE CHEERS
FOR BLUE
SKIES!

CAN
YOU DO
THAT,
SIR?

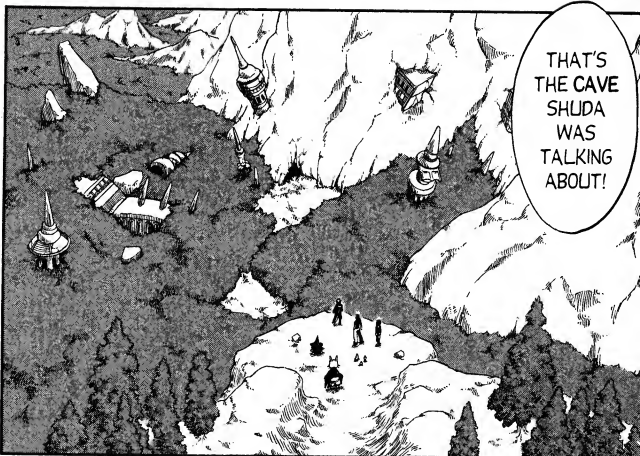


MISS
ELIE
SEEMS
TO BE
BETTER.

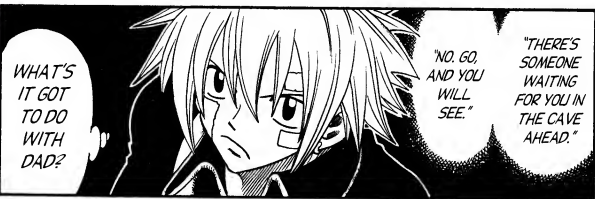
THANKS,
GRIFF!
POYO!



HEY,
LOOK
OVER
THERE!



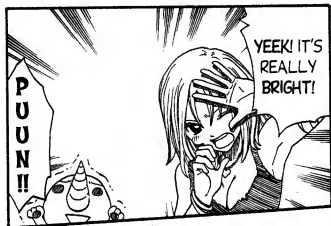
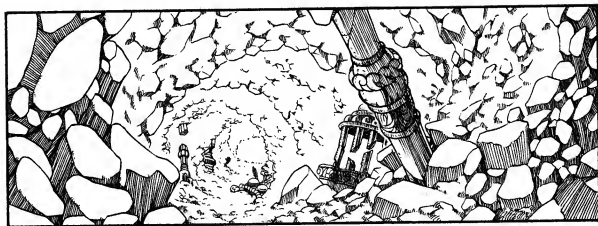
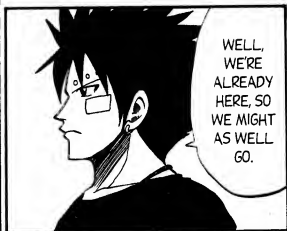
THAT'S
THE CAVE
SHUDA
WAS
TALKING
ABOUT!



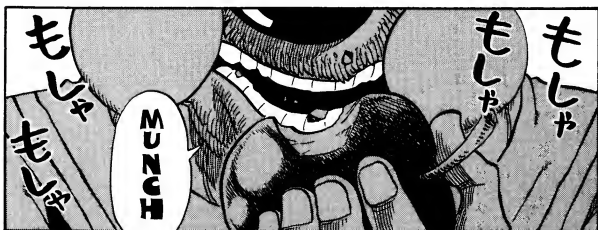
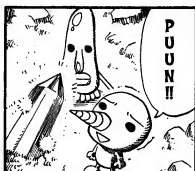
WHAT'S
IT GOT
TO DO
WITH
DAD?

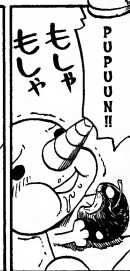
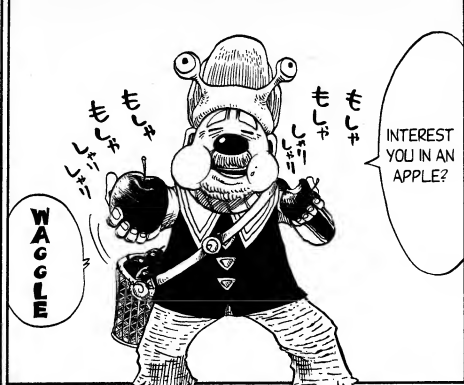
"NO. GO,
AND YOU
WILL
SEE."

"THERE'S
SOMEONE
WAITING
FOR YOU IN
THE CAVE
AHEAD."









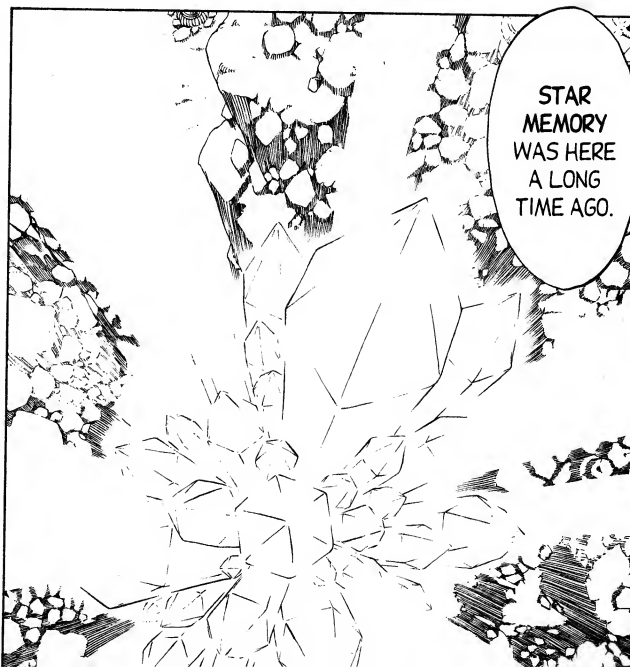


SEE
THIS
LIGHT?

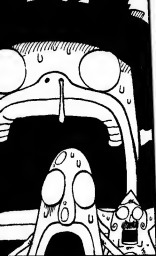
LOOK
HERE...



BUT...
HUH?



STAR
MEMORY
WAS HERE
A LONG
TIME AGO.



...I MEAN
MILLENNIA
AGO.



WHEN I
SAY STAR
MEMORY
WAS
HERE...

YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR
IT, HM? SO
OF COURSE
YOU'RE
SURPRISED.



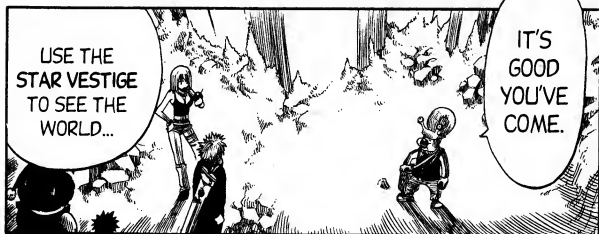
RAVE
MASTER
HARU...THAT
"SHUDA"
FELLA TOLD
ME THE GIST
OF IT.



STAR
MEMORY'S
MOVED
SOMEPLACE
ELSE. IT
MAY STILL
BE MOVING.

NO ONE
REALLY
KNOWS.

STILL, THE
LEGENDS
THAT PLACE
IT HERE AIN'T
WRONG.



USE THE
STAR VESTIGE
TO SEE THE
WORLD...

IT'S
GOOD
YOU'VE
COME.



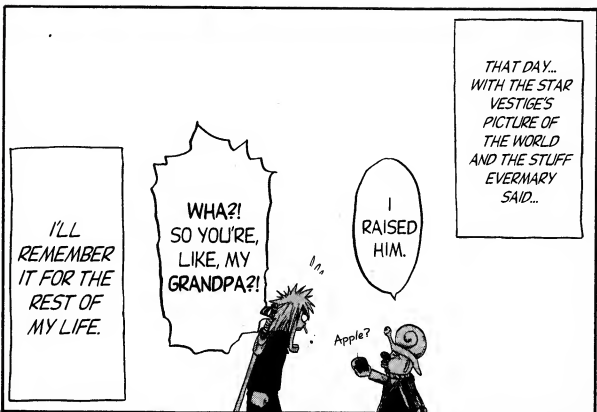
GALE
DIDN'T
MENTION
ME?

DID...
DID YOU
KNOW
MY
DAD?



MUNCH

...AND
LEARN
WHAT STAR
MEMORY'S
REALLY
ALL
ABOUT.



I'LL
REMEMBER
IT FOR THE
REST OF
MY LIFE.

WHA?!
SO YOU'RE,
LIKE, MY
GRANDPA?!

I
RAISED
HIM.

Apple?

THAT DAY...
WITH THE STAR
VESTIGE'S
PICTURE OF
THE WORLD
AND THE STUFF
EVERMARY
SAID...



RAVE:160  VOICE OF THE STAR VESTIGE



WHERE STAR
MEMORY ONCE
RESTED

THE CAVERN OF STAR VESTIGE

CAVERN OF
STAR VESTIGE

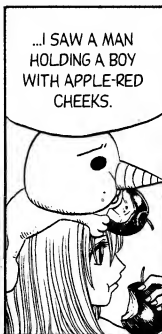
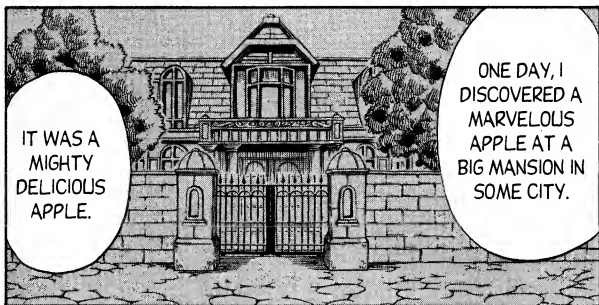


YOU MIND
ME TALKING
ABOUT GALE
A LITTLE
FIRST?

THAT'S
RIGHT.

GALE'S FOSTER FATHER
EVERMARY





KIDNAPPER!!

...THAT
I TOOK
THE KID
AND RAN.

MUNCH



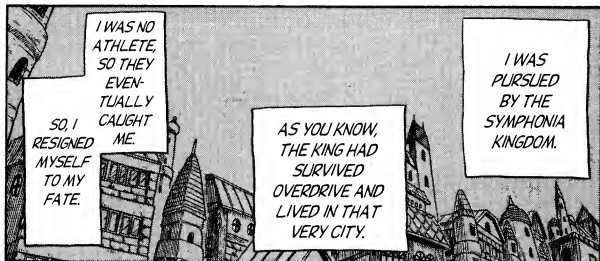
EASY,
WHIPPER-
SNAPPER.
IT GETS
BETTER
FROM
HERE.

YOU
JERK!!
YOU'RE
A BAD,
BAD
MAN!!



NOW,
NOW...
LET ME
FINISH:

HERE--
HAVE AN
APPLE TO
CALM
YOUR
NERVES.

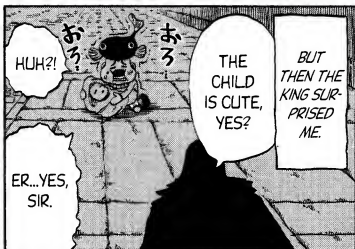


I WAS NO
ATHLETE,
SO THEY
EVENTUALLY
CAUGHT
ME.

SO, I
RESIGNED
MYSELF
TO MY
FATE.

AS YOU KNOW,
THE KING HAD
SURVIVED
OVERDRIVE AND
LIVED IN THAT
VERY CITY.

I WAS
PURSUED
BY THE
SYMPHONIA
KINGDOM.





THE KING AND
I WENT OVER
ALL SORTS OF
OPTIONS.

HE DIDN'T THINK
HIDING GALE'S
ROYAL BLOOD
AND PUTTING HIM
UP FOR ADOPTION
WOULD WORK.

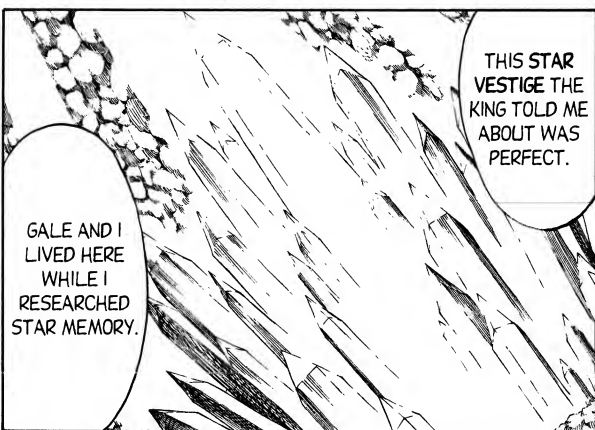


...I KEPT RIGHT
ON NURTURING
LITTLE GALE.

*Like an apple
seed, see?*

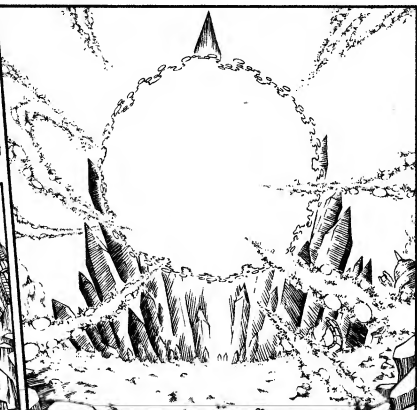
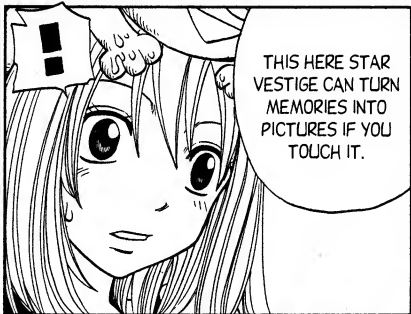
THE KING
PASSED
AWAY
A YEAR
LATER. AS
FOR ME...

THAT'S
WHEN I FIRST
LEARNED
ABOUT STAR
MEMORY.



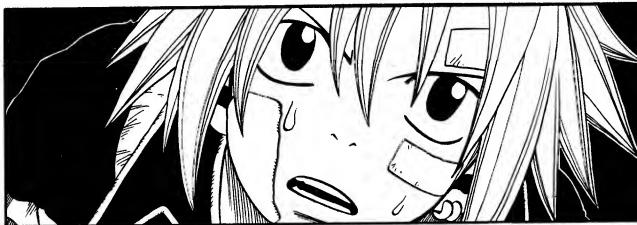
GALE AND I
LIVED HERE
WHILE I
RESEARCHED
STAR MEMORY.

THIS STAR
VESTIGE THE
KING TOLD ME
ABOUT WAS
PERFECT.



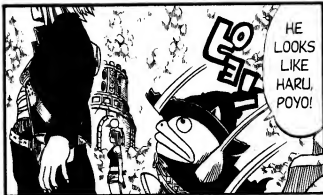


THAT'S
GALE AT
FIFTEEN.

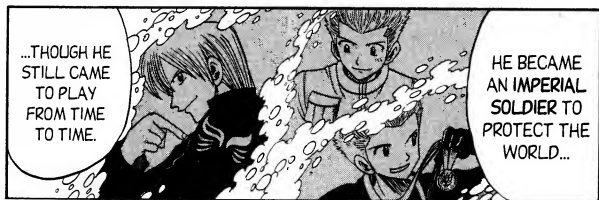


THEY HAVE
THAT IN
COMMON,
TOO!

THAT
TOUGH
COOKIE
SURE
LOVED
JUSTICE.

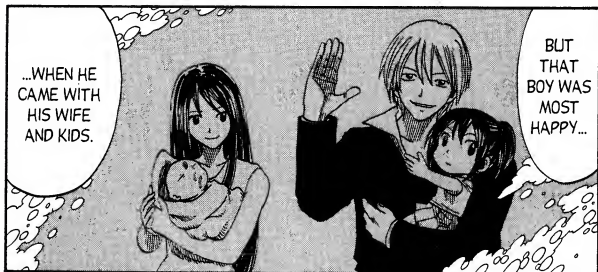


HE
LOOKS
LIKE
HARU,
POYO!



...THOUGH HE
STILL CAME
TO PLAY
FROM TIME
TO TIME.

HE BECAME
AN IMPERIAL
SOLDIER TO
PROTECT THE
WORLD...



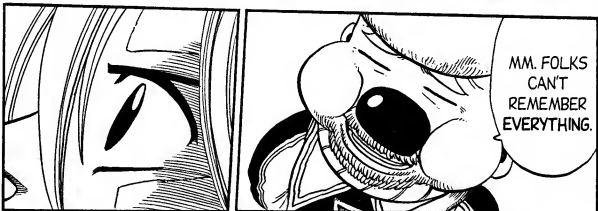
...WHEN HE
CAME WITH
HIS WIFE
AND KIDS.

BUT
THAT
BOY WAS
MOST
HAPPY...



IT WOULD
APPEAR SO...BUT
HOW MUCH CAN
HE REMEMBER
IF HE WAS IN
DIAPERS?

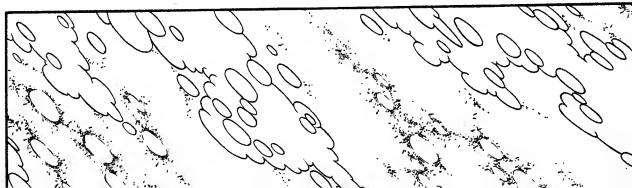
SO YOU
HAVE
BEEN
HERE,
HARU.

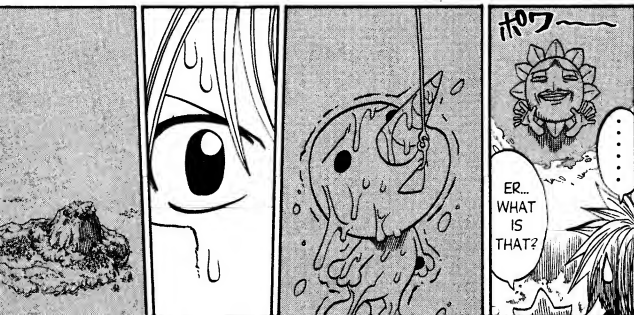


MM. FOLKS
CAN'T
REMEMBER
EVERYTHING.

SEE
WHAT'S
INSIDE
YOUR
HEART.

GO ON,
HARU.



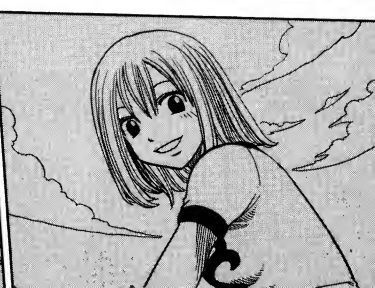




YOU'VE
MET
QUITE
A FEW
PEOPLE,
THERE.

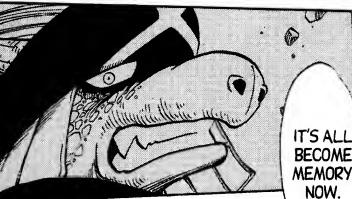
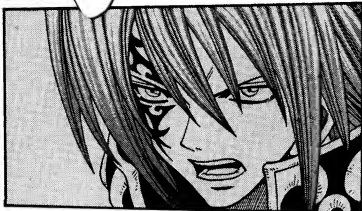


SOME
GONE...

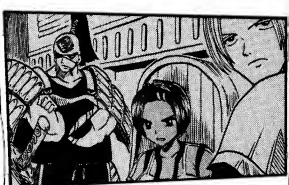


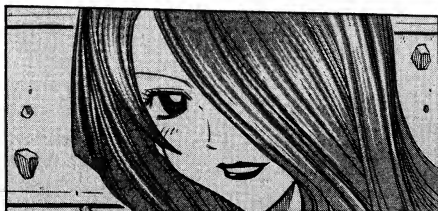
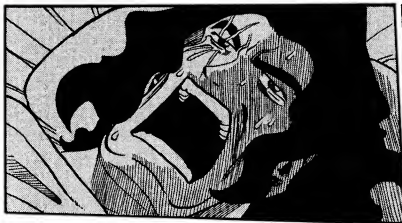
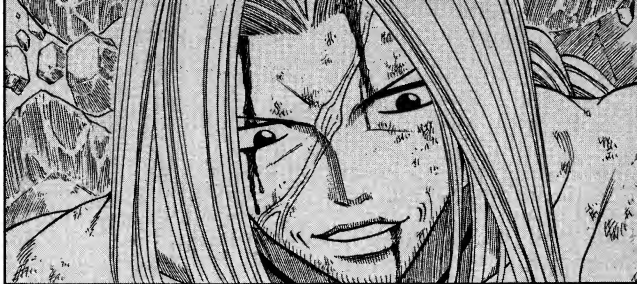


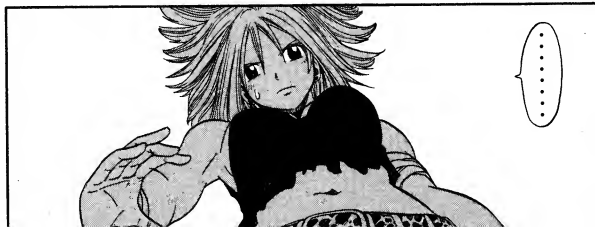
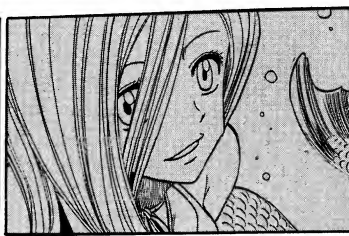
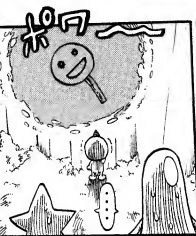
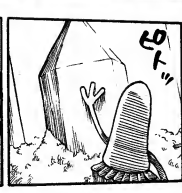
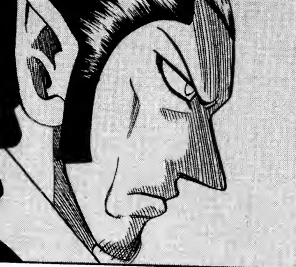
...AND
SOME
GROWN.

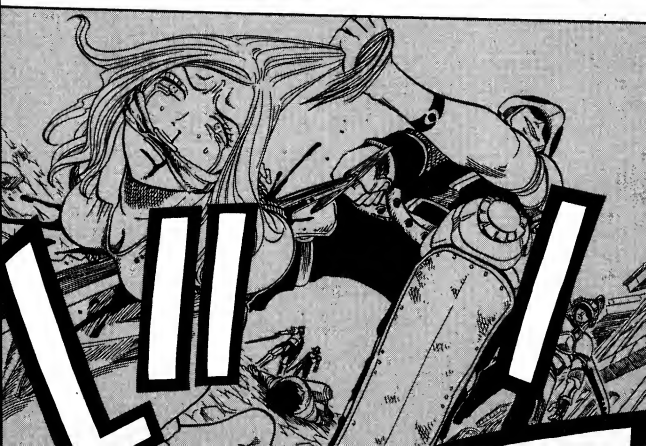
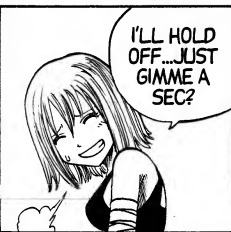


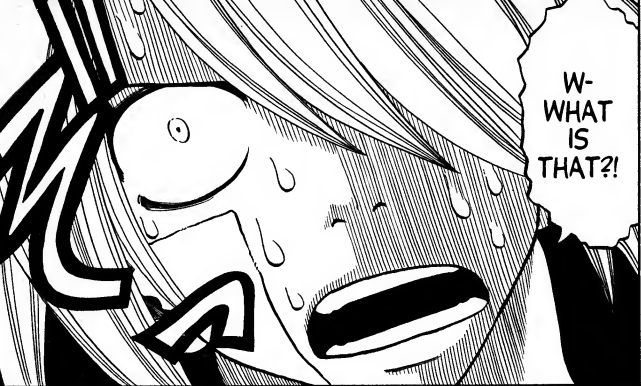
IT'S ALL
BECOME
MEMORY,
NOW.











W-
WHAT
IS
THAT?!



THAT'S A
PICTURE OF
"NOW" FROM
MEMORIES
THE WORLD
OVER.



...IS ALL
COMING
TOGETHER.



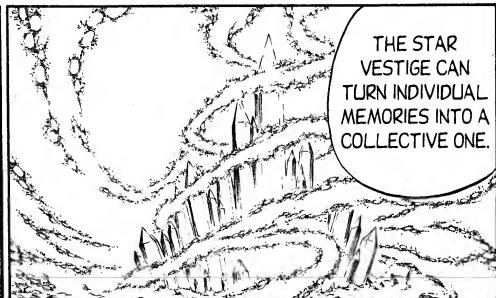
A
LITTLE
FROM
EVERY-
ONE...



THE
MEMORIES
ARE
SWIRLING.



LOOK.



THE STAR
VESTIGE CAN
TURN INDIVIDUAL
MEMORIES INTO A
COLLECTIVE ONE.



**THEY'RE
OUT TO
CONQUER
THE WORLD!!!**

**DEMON
CARD...**

**...IS
MOVING.**

RESISTANCE
ARMIES WILL
SLOW DEMON
CARD DOWN,
SURE, BUT
IT WON'T BE
ENOUGH.



WITH THE
IMPERIAL
CAPITOL
DESTROYED,
THE REST OF
THE WORLD'S
FALLING TO
PIECES.



THE
AGE OF
DARKNESS
IS ON ITS
WAY.



NOOO!!





I UNDERSTOOD THAT CONQUEST WAS NECESSARY FOR SUCH A NOBLE GOAL!

OH, THE HORROR! DEMON CARD PROMISED A WORLD WITHOUT WAR!

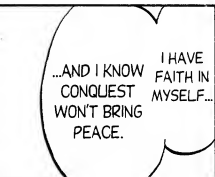


THEN I, A HERO... WAS AIDING IN THIS SLAUGHTER?!



WHAT DO I HAVE LEFT TO BELIEVE IN?!

WHAT SHOULD I BE FIGHTING FOR?! OH, WOE!



...AND I KNOW CONQUEST WON'T BRING PEACE.

I HAVE FAITH IN MYSELF...



THERE'S NO FIGHTING WITHOUT BELIEF!



JUST BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.

A large, high-contrast black and white illustration of a character with spiky hair, shown from the chest up in profile, shouting with an open mouth. The character's hair is light-colored and spiky, while the rest of the image is in deep shadow.

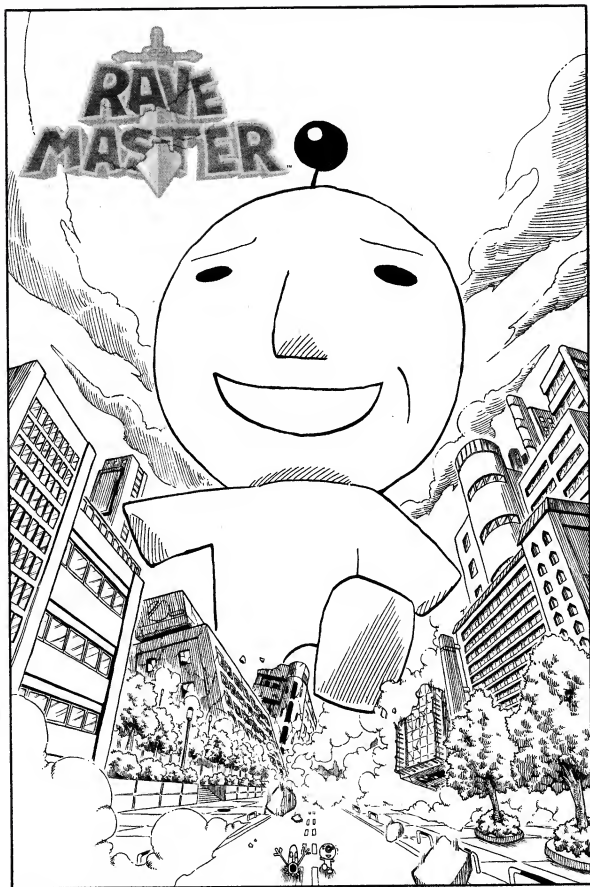
**SOMETHING
ELSE
HAS TO
UNITE THE
WORLD!!**

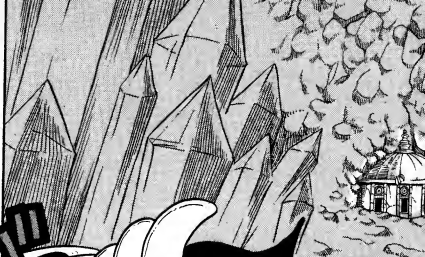
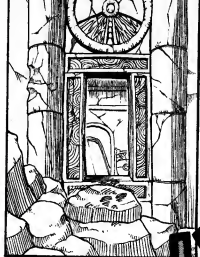
**THAT'S
WHAT WE
NEED STAR
MEMORY TO
TELL US!!**

A black and white illustration showing a character from behind, wearing a beanie and a jacket with a large braid. They are looking out over a field where several other characters are standing. The scene is filled with small, dark, insect-like creatures.

**THEN LET
ME TELL YOU
ABOUT STAR
MEMORY...**

**YOUR
DETER-
MINATION
IS CLEAR,
BOY.**





YIKES...
TAKE IT
EASY,
POPS.

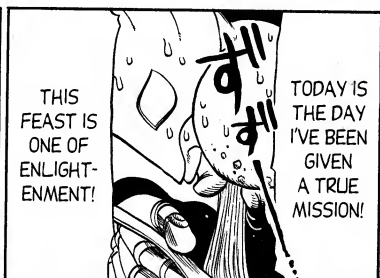
MMM!!



SCRUMPTIOUS!!



IS IT
NOT SO,
MASTER?!



THIS
FEAST IS
ONE OF
ENLIGHT-
ENMENT!

TODAY IS
THE DAY
I'VE BEEN
GIVEN
A TRUE
MISSION!



PLUE!
WHAT'D I
SAY ABOUT
BREATHING
BETWEEN
BITES?!

HARU?

MAYBE
HE'S NOT
HUNGRY.

HARU?
WHAT'S
WRONG,
POYO?

PUN!!



THAT
PICTURE
OF THE
WORLD...

IT'S
STUCK
IN MY
HEAD.

EAT THIS!
YOU'LL
FEEL
BETTER!

M-MISS
ELIE,
PLEASE
TELL ME
YOU'RE
JOKING!

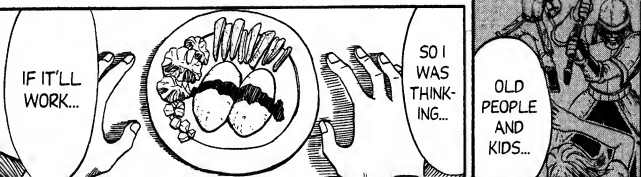


THEY
THOUGHT
THEY'D...
ACHIEVED
SOME-
THING.

THEY
WERE...
PROUD.

AND THE
KILLERS
WERE...
LAUGHING.

PEOPLE
WERE
JUST...
KILLING
EACH
OTHER.



IF IT'LL
WORK...

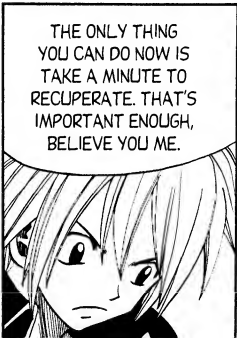
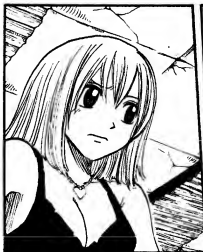
SO I
WAS
THINK-
ING...

OLD
PEOPLE
AND
KIDS...



I DON'T
CARE WHAT
IT TAKES!!!
EVEN IF I
CAN ONLY
SAVE
A FEW
PEOPLE!!!

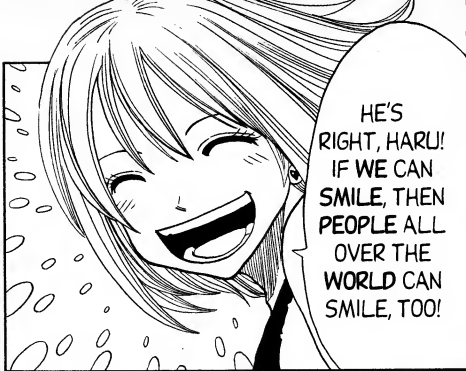
I
WANNA
STOP
THE
WAR
NOW!!!



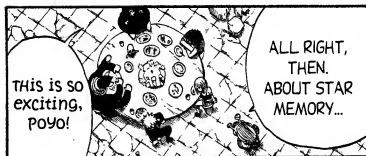
THE ONLY THING
YOU CAN DO NOW IS
TAKE A MINUTE TO
RECUPERATE. THAT'S
IMPORTANT ENOUGH,
BELIEVE YOU ME.



DON'T
YOU
WORRY,
THERE.



HE'S
RIGHT, HARU!
IF WE CAN
SMILE, THEN
PEOPLE ALL
OVER THE
WORLD CAN
SMILE, TOO!



THIS IS SO
EXCITING,
POYO!

ALL RIGHT,
THEN.
ABOUT STAR
MEMORY...



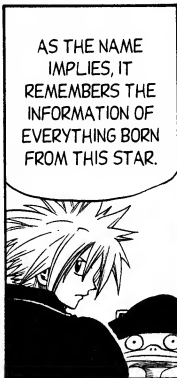
SORRY
FOR BEIN'
A DRAG.

I
GUESS
...



IT MAY
BE THIS
STAR'S
VERY
ENERGY.

Y'SEE
...

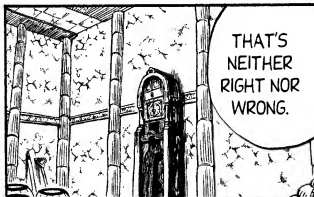


AS THE NAME
IMPLIES, IT
REMEMBERS THE
INFORMATION OF
EVERYTHING BORN
FROM THIS STAR.



...IS WHERE
YOU CAN
FIND THE
ANSWERS
TO ALL
QUESTIONS.

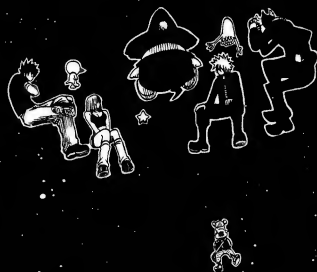
I'M SURE
YOU'VE
HEARD
THAT STAR
MEMORY...



THAT'S
NEITHER
RIGHT NOR
WRONG.

THE STAR'S
LIFE IS AN
ACCUMULATION
OF MANY TIMES
AND SPACES
GATHERED
TOGETHER.

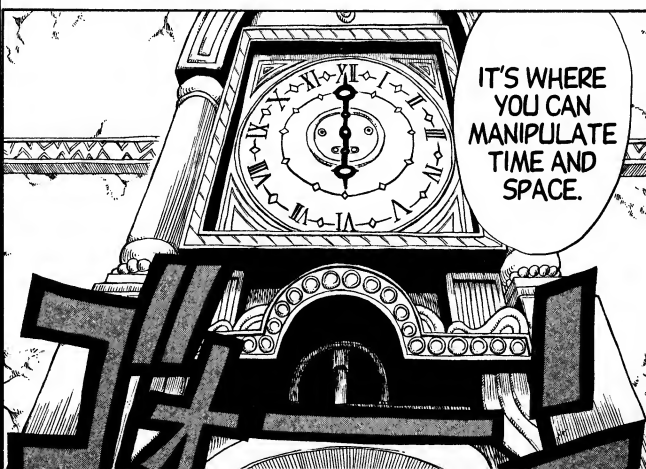
...IT'S A
WORLD THAT
TRANSCENDS
SPACE AND
TIME.





...AS
WELL
AS LOSE
EVERY-
THING.

AT STAR
MEMORY, YOU
CAN GAIN
EVERYTHING...



IT'S WHERE
YOU CAN
MANIPULATE
TIME AND
SPACE.



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN,
POYO?!

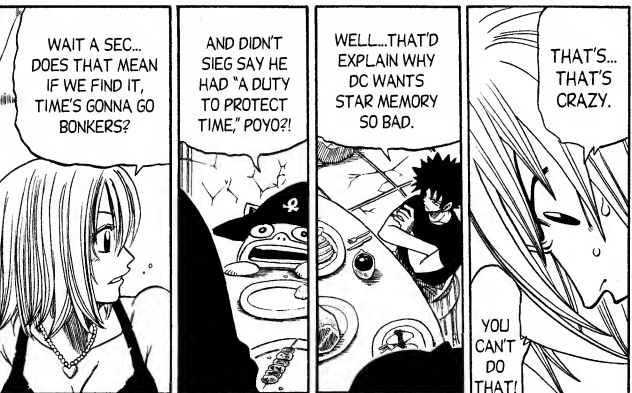
MANIPLI...

TIME-
SPACE?



BUT I'M NOT JUST
TALKING ABOUT
THE PASTS OF
INDIVIDUALS—I'M
TALKING ABOUT
HISTORY. THE STAR'S
POWER IS GREAT
ENOUGH TO CHANGE
THE PAST FOR
EVERYBODY.

EVERYONE'S HAD A
CASE OF THE "WHAT
IFS" AT SOME POINT
OR ANOTHER. WHO
DOESN'T WISH THAT
THE PAST COULD BE
CHANGED?



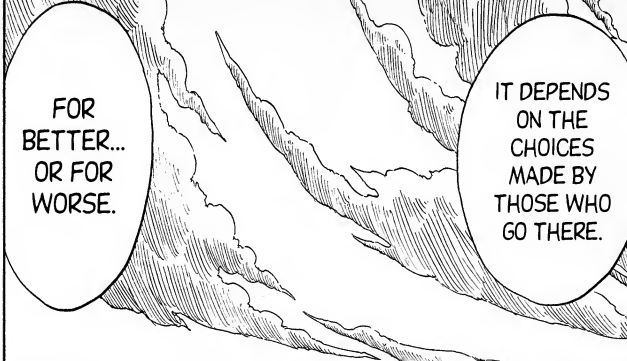
WAIT A SEC...
DOES THAT MEAN
IF WE FIND IT,
TIME'S GONNA GO
BONKERS?

AND DIDN'T
SIEG SAY HE
HAD "A DUTY
TO PROTECT
TIME," POYO?!

WELL...THAT'D
EXPLAIN WHY
DC WANTS
STAR MEMORY
SO BAD.

THAT'S...
THAT'S
CRAZY.

YOU
CAN'T
DO
THAT!



FOR
BETTER...
OR FOR
WORSE.

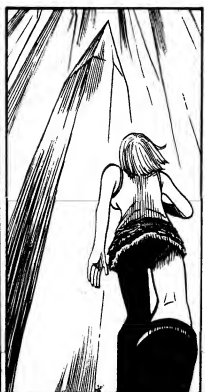
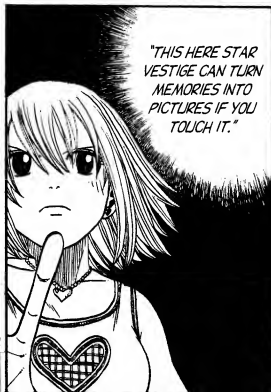
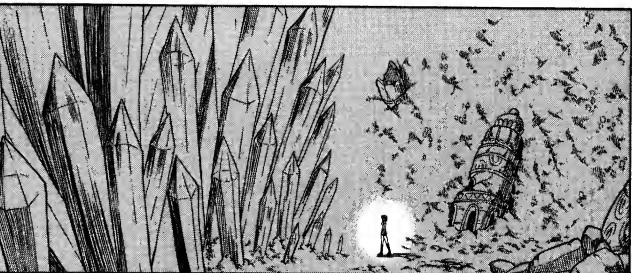
IT DEPENDS
ON THE
CHOICES
MADE BY
THOSE WHO
GO THERE.

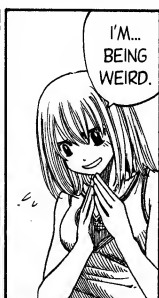
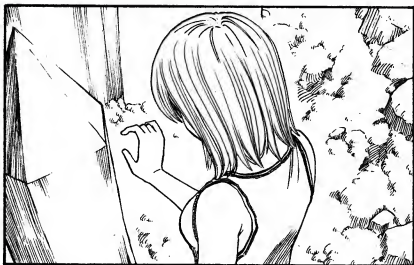
THIS WORLD--
NO, THIS STAR--
WOULD BE
DESTROYED.

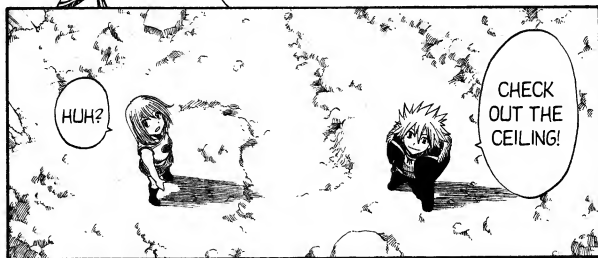
THAT'S
WHY YOU
CAN'T LET
DC FIND IT.

**STAR
MEMORY!!**

**THE
HOLY
GROUND
WHERE
SPACE-TIME'S
CONTROLLED...**

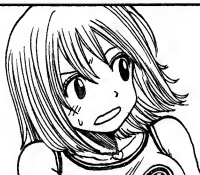
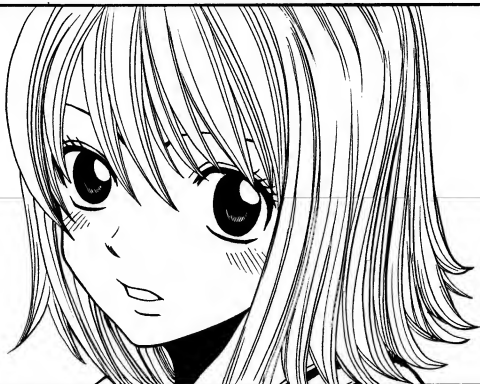




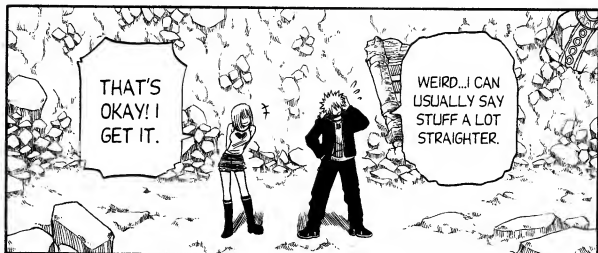
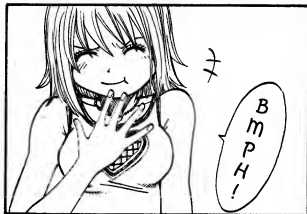




I THINK
BEING
SCARED'S
OKAY.



ER..
I GUESS
I'M DOING
A BAD JOB
SAYING
THIS.





!!

IT'S THE
LOVE
VARIETY.

WANT AN
APPLE?

もし
もし



SORRY, SONNY...
BUT THERE'S
SOMETHING I
WANTED TO
ASK WHILE I
COULD.



MAN...
DON'T
SCARE
ME LIKE
THAT!

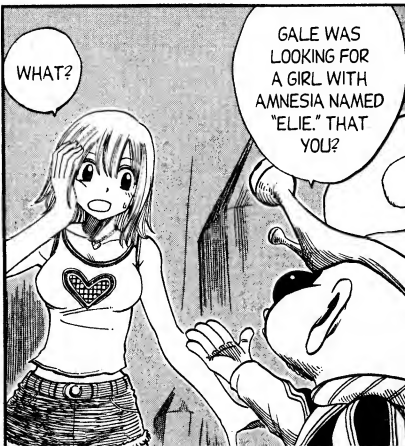


HE BECAME
AN IMPERIAL
SOLDIER TO
FIND THAT
"ELIE" GIRL...

...TO GET INFO
FROM THIS
STAR VESTIGE,
I THINK.

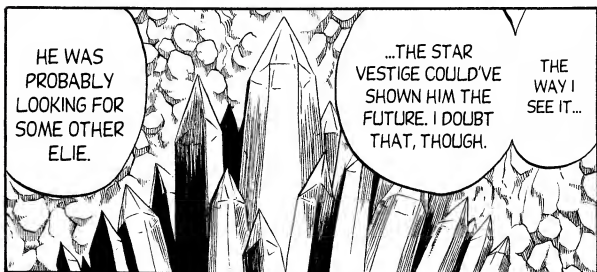


DAD
WAS
LOOKING
FOR
HER?!



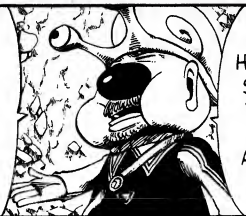
WHAT?

GALE WAS
LOOKING FOR
A GIRL WITH
AMNESIA NAMED
"ELIE." THAT
YOU?





THAT HE
HAD TO
MAKE
SURE
SHE WAS
SAFE...



HE SAID
SOME-
THING
ODD
ABOUT
HER.



...OR SHE'D DO
SOMETHING TO
HERSELF.



"YES... TAKE
GOOD CARE
OF GALE
FOR ME."



WELL,
I'M
LOST.



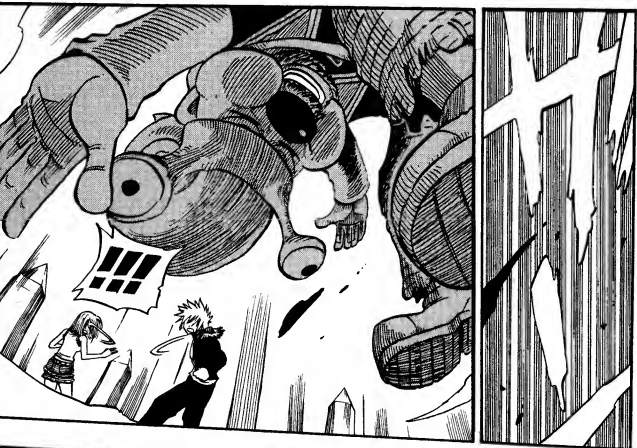
すー...

I KNEW
THIS TIME
WOULD
COME.

ELIE.



I...





FOOL.

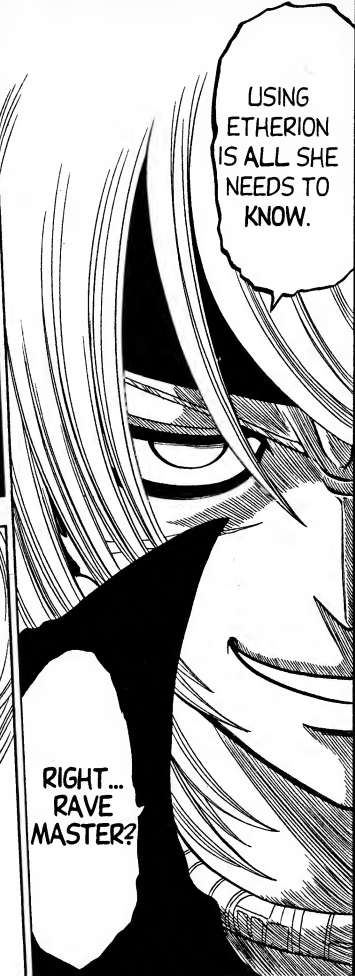
DON'T
CRAM
TRASH
INTO MY
WOMAN'S
HEAD.



LUCIA!!



H-HOW'D
HE GET
HERE?!



USING
ETHERION
IS ALL SHE
NEEDS TO
KNOW.

RIGHT...
RAVE
MASTER?

Q&A CORNER!!

A.K.A. Question Corner #2

- Q.** Please tell us about the commonalities between the characters' names in RAVE MASTER.

(Neman Menan - Kyoto Prefecture)

- A.** Sure! Let me explain how I came up with the names for the Garage Island people, for example. The names are all related except for Gale's. And I settled on flower names for all the ladies.

Haru means "spring," the season flowers come into bloom--that's in tune with the flower theme.

Shiba means "grass," and Shige (Haru's pal from Vol. 1) means "overgrown," like with bushes. Gemma is close to "bud" in Latin, and Boton (Gemma's dad) means the same thing in Spanish. Cattleya, Sakura, and Yuri (Gemma's mom) are all flower names.

Why is Gale's name different? Well, he wasn't actually living ON Garage Island to begin with.

- Q.** Um...is Lazenby gonna join up? I don't think he's really...needed.

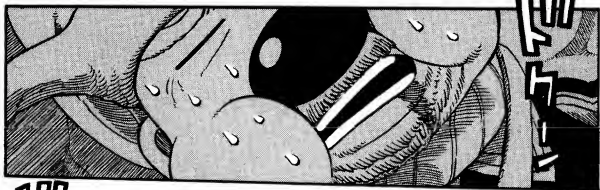
(Fat Cat - Fukuoka Prefecture)

- A.** Hm. I'm not sure myself.

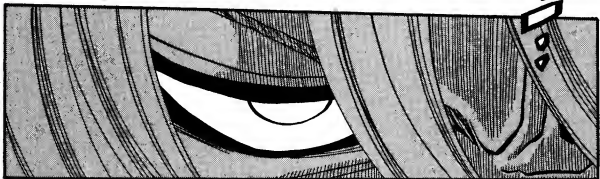
- Q.** Hiro-kun, you play the guitar, right? You any good? If you are, come on down and join my band!

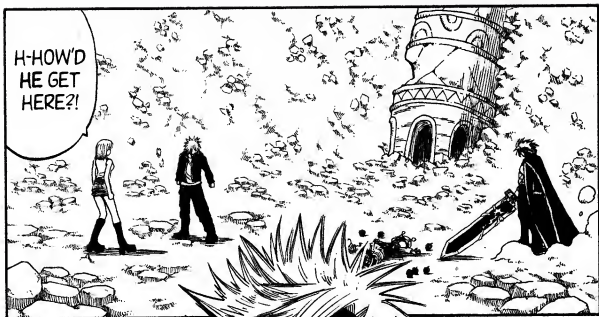
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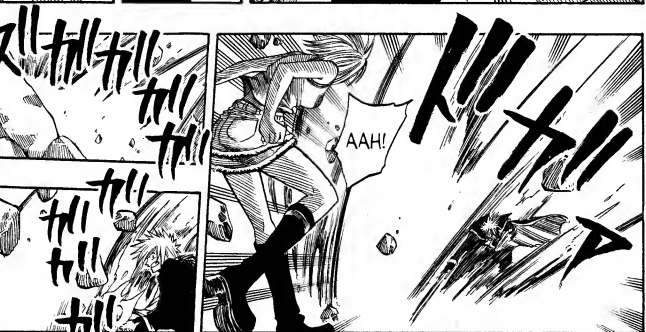
- A.** I used to be okay, but I'm a disaster now. I've been spending all my time making manga, so no playing, no practicing...my skills suck. (^_^) Well, it's a good thing I practiced writing more than guitar. I wasn't that good at it, anyway.



RAVE MASTER









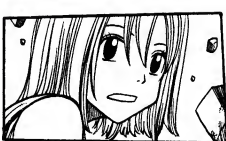
THIS
IS AN
ILLUSION.

WALKING
BACK DOWN
THE ROAD
YOU ARRIVED
FROM
ACHIEVES
NOTHING.



M-MY
STAR
VESTIGE
...

G-
GALE'S
MEMORIES
...



HOW
COULD
YOU
JUST
...?



HOW
...



DESTROY
THEM? PLEASE.
THE PAST
IS ALREADY
DESTROYED.



YOU GOTTA
DESTROY
THEM, TOO?!
WHAT?! THE
WORLD'S
NOT ENOUGH
FOR YOU?!



MEMORIES
ARE THE
MOST
IMPORTANT
PART OF
A PERSON,
LUCIA!!



THE
FUTURE IS
EVERYTHING...
THE PAST IS
BUT A VOID TO
LEAP OVER.



D-DO
YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
ME?



DON'T
YOU
AGREE,
ELIE?



COME
WITH
ME.



YOU
DON'T
NEED A
PAST...

THERE IS
NOTHING
TO FEAR,
NOTHING TO
SHOCK YOU
...

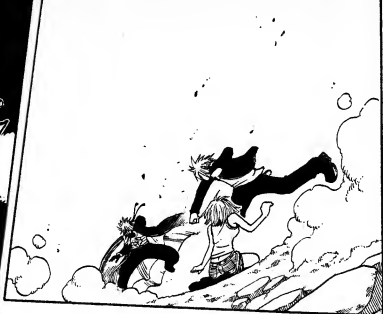


ALL
YOU NEED
KNOW IS
THAT YOU
POSSESS
ETHERION.

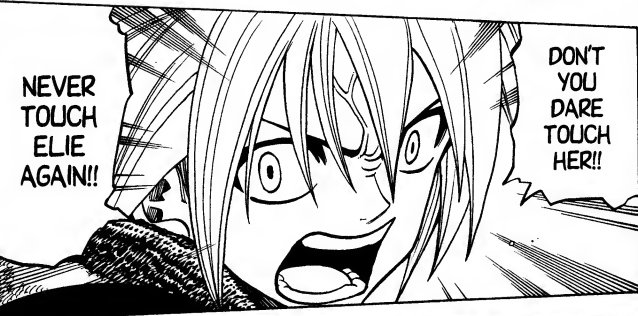
DOES IT
MATTER?
YOUR
PAST IS
MEANING-
LESS.

LUCIAAAA!!





NEVER
TOUCH
ELIE
AGAIN!!



DON'T
YOU
DARE
TOUCH
HER!!

...EVEN IF
THEY'RE
HARD TO
TAKE,
WE'RE
HERE FOR
HER!!

WHETHER
HER
MEMORIES
ARE HAPPY
OR SAD
...

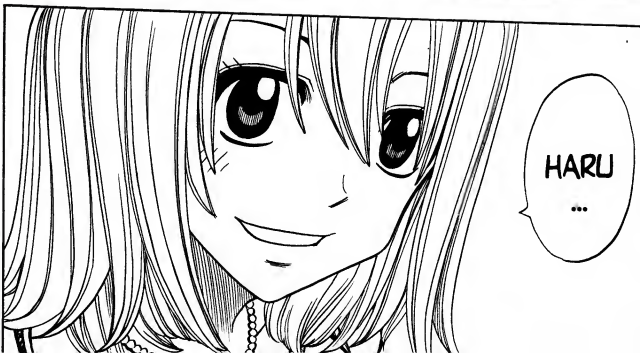
SHE
DOESN'T
NEED A
PAST?!
BULL!!





I'LL
ACCEPT
HER
PAST, NO
MATTER
WHAT IT
IS!!

MYSELF?
I WANT
TO KNOW
ABOUT
ELIE!



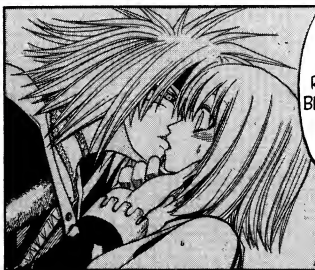
HARU

...

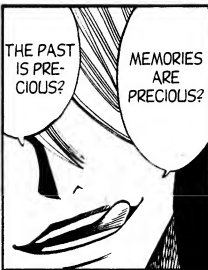


I'M
STEALING
HER FROM
YOU, PIECE
BY PIECE.

Heh
heh
heh
...



THEN
REMEM-
BER THAT
KISS.



THE PAST
IS PRE-
CIOUS?

MEMORIES
ARE
PRECIOUS?

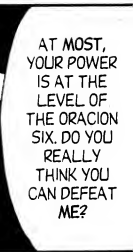


AT THIS
RATE,
YOU'LL BE
SIXTY AND
STILL BE
MERELY
HOLDING
HANDS!!



HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
!!







He noticed me.

HNH.



IT'S
QUITE
THE
FIGHT.

TCH.



DESCEN-
DANTS OF
SYMPHONIA
AND RARE-
GROOVE.

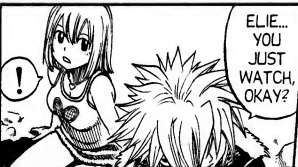
THE
SON OF
GALE
AND THE
SON OF
KING.



I HEREBY
BEAR
WITNESS
TO
THIS
CONTEST.



FINE.



ELIE...
YOU
JUST
WATCH,
OKAY?

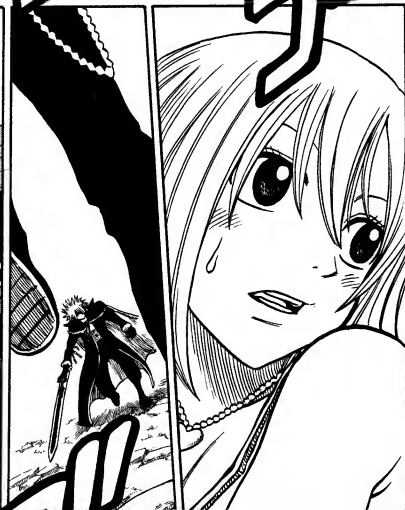


MY
POWER
WILL
SLAUGHTER
YOU
ALL!

FOOLS...
THE
LOT OF
YOU.



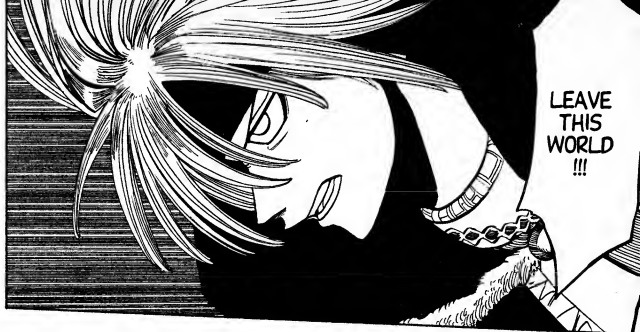
I'M
STRONGER
THAN HE
IS.



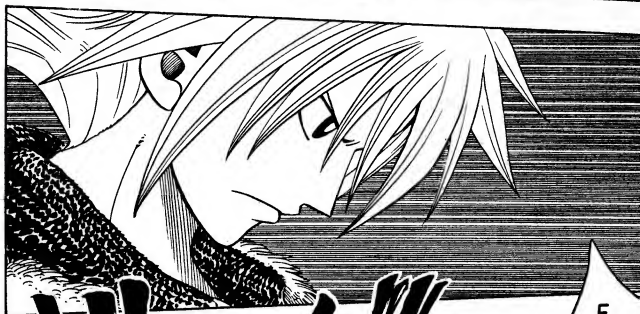


IT'S
TIME
FOR ME
TO KILL
YOU.



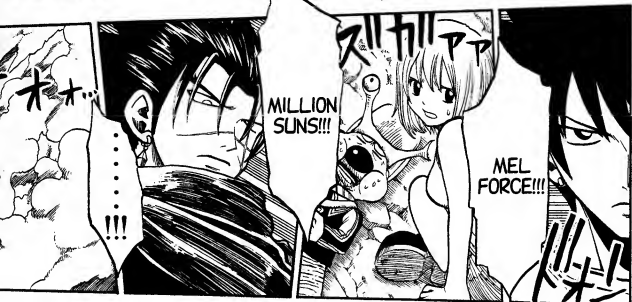


LEAVE
THIS
WORLD
!!!



BLUE
CRIM-
SON!!!

EXPLOSION!!!



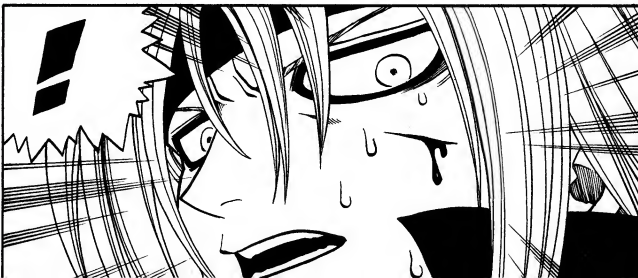


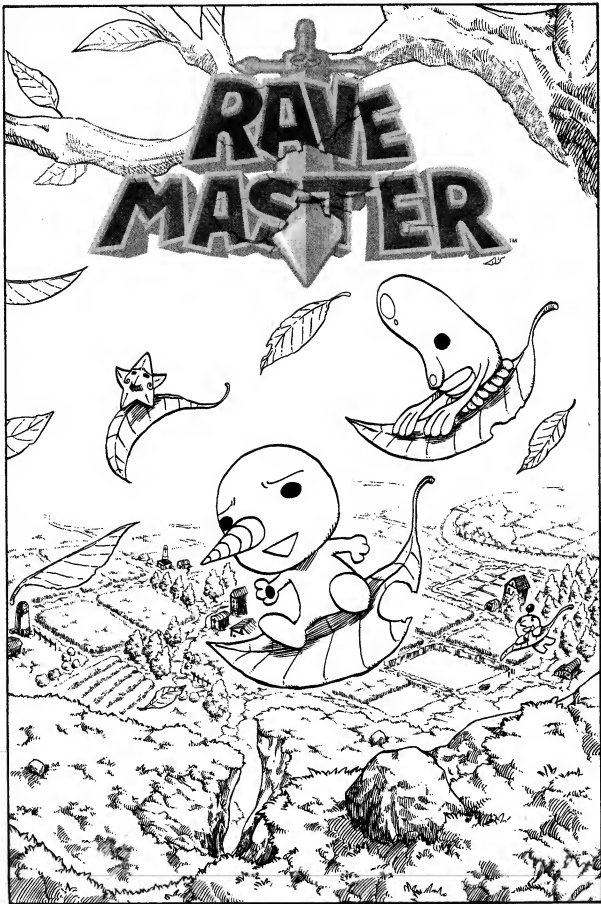
HMM...
THAT
WASN'T
TOO
PATHETIC.



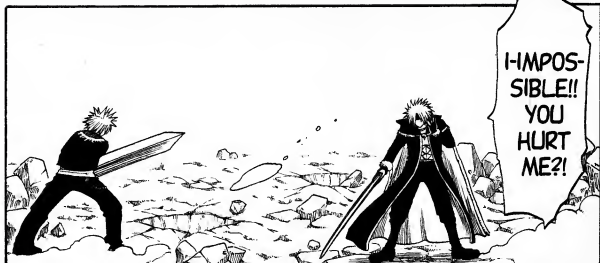
I DIDN'T
EVEN
BREAK A
SWEAT.

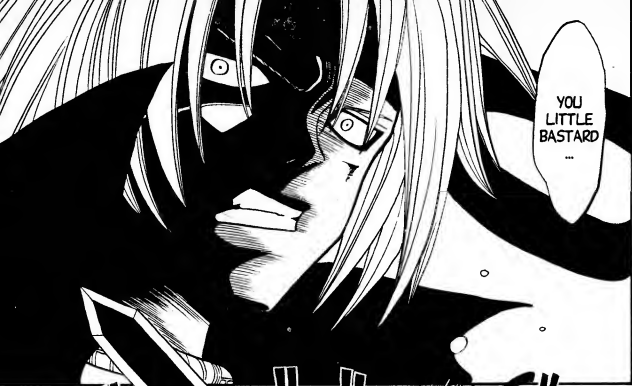
WHAT'S
THE
MATTER,
LUCIA?
THAT
ALL YOU
GOT?





RAVE: 163 ☩ SOULS, DETERMINED UNTO DEATH





YOU
LITTLE
BASTARD
...



I SHALL
OBLIGE
THAT
DEATH
WISH OF
YOURS!!

W-WHY
IS HIS
SKIN RIP-
PING?

UH...



EX-
PLOD-
ING
SWORD
DANCE
...



SOME-
THING'S
WRONG
WITH
HARU!





DEATH
BALLAD
BOMB!!!



ELIE,
GET
DOWN!

THAT'S
KING'S
TRICK.

AAAH!!

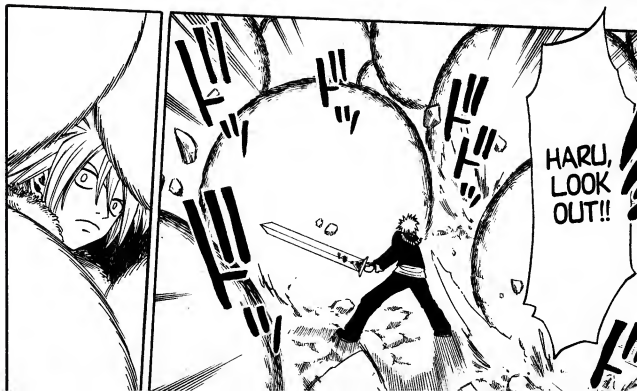


WHAT
?!



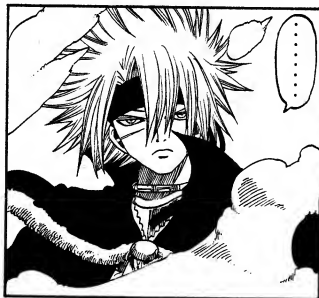
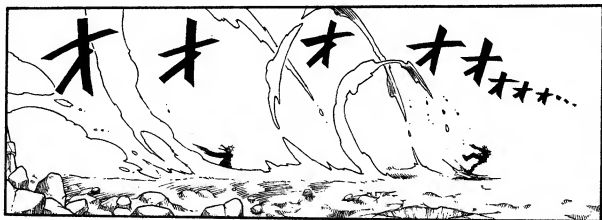
RUNE
SAVE!!!

R-RUNE
SAVE
CUTS
WHAT
CAN'T BE
CUT!

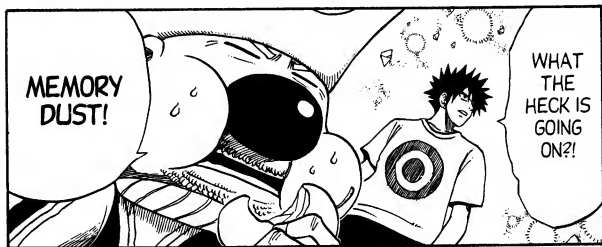


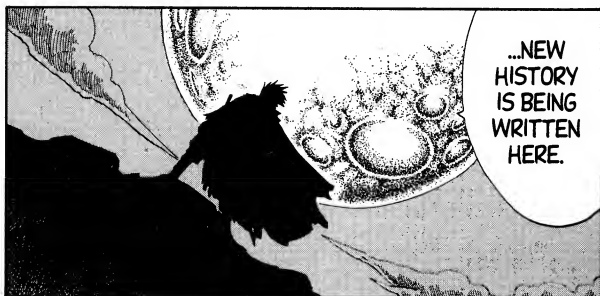
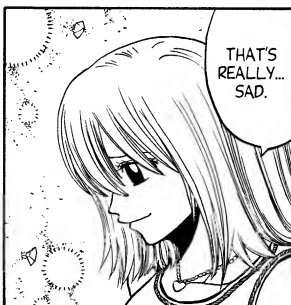
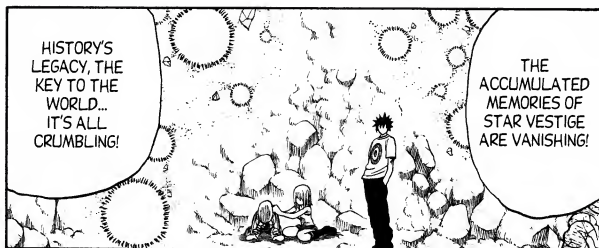


MILLION
SUNS!!!

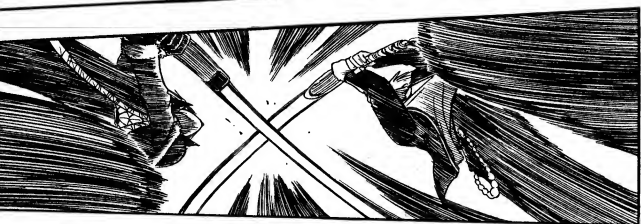


THAT WAS
PRETTY
SMART,
SEALING
RUNE SAVE
SO I CAN'T
USE IT.

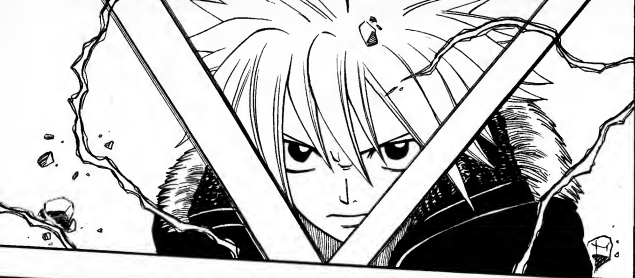












HURK!!



WAIT
....!

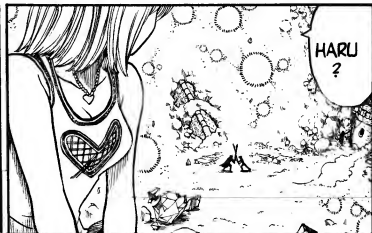
THIS
ISN'T
...



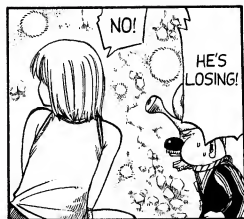
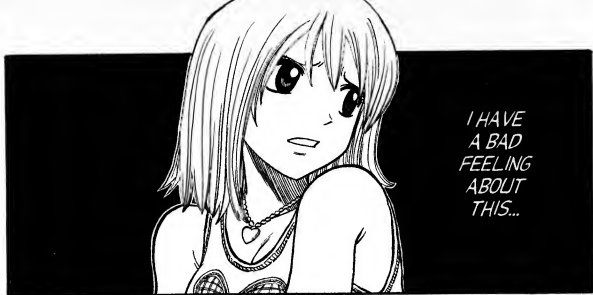
SHOOT!
WHEN
DID
HARU
GET
SO--

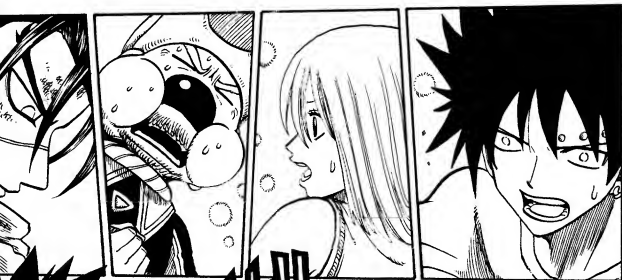
THEY
LOOK
SO...
EVENLY
MATCH-
ED.

SOMETHING
ISN'T
RIGHT...



HARU
?







...
RAVE
MAS-
TER?!

I'M
DISAP-
POINTED!
ARE
YOU
BEING
SERIOUS
...



H
A
R
U
!!

BUT...
HE TOOK
THE FULL
BRUNT
OF THE
SWING!



I'M
DONE
WARMING
UP.

YOU'RE
THE ONE
THAT
NEEDS TO
PULL OUT
ALL THE
STOPS.



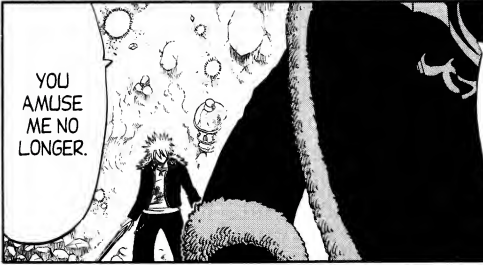
WHAT
ARE YOU
THINKING,
HARU
GLORY?!



HOW CAN
HE BE SO
CALM?!

I'VE NEVER
SEEN HARU
LIKE THIS!!





YOU
AMUSE
ME NO
LONGER.

I'VE
SPARED
YOU LONG
ENOUGH,
SCUM.



PREPARE
FOR THE
DARK BRING
POWER THAT
BROUGHT
THE WORLD
TO ITS
KNEES.

PLAY-
TIME
IS
OVER.



I'VE
GOT
A FEW
SURPRISES
OF MY
OWN.

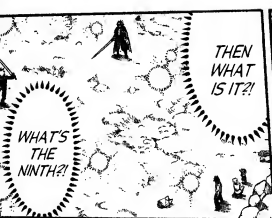
THE
NINTH
FORM OF
THE TEN
POWERS.



BUT
THAT'S

...

THE
NINTH
SWORD?!



WHAT'S
THE
NINTH?!

THEN
WHAT
IS IT?!



WAIT...IS
THAT WHY
HARU'S
ACTING
WEIRD?!

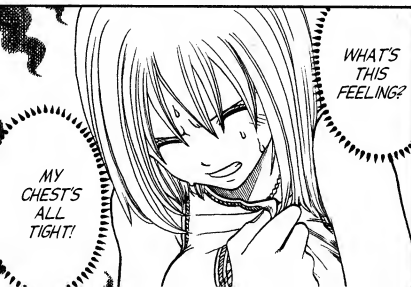


DOES
SHUDA
KNOW
ABOUT
THE
NINTH?!



I KNEW I
COULDN'T
BEAT YOU
WITHOUT
IT.

I DECIDED
BEFORE
THE
FIGHT...



MY
CHEST'S
ALL
TIGHT!

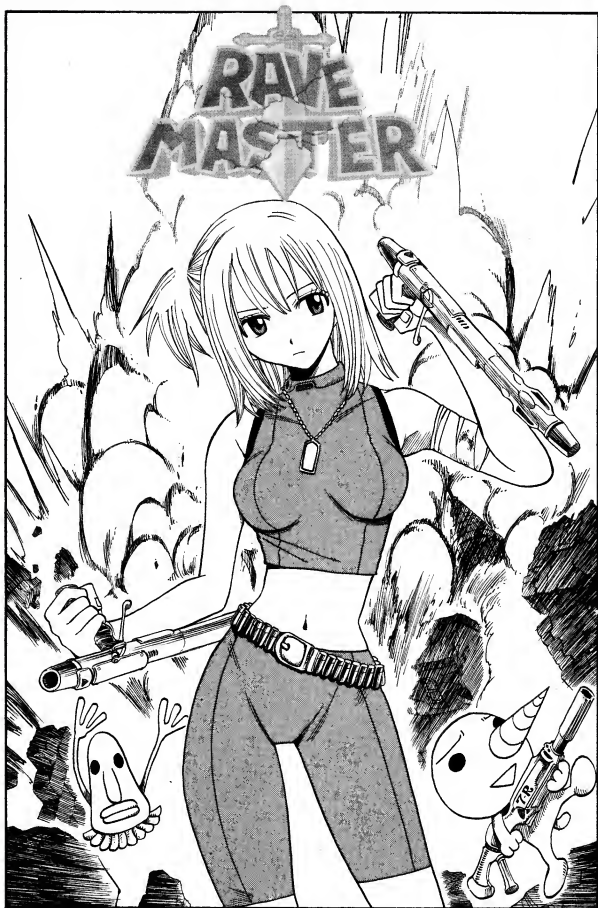
WHAT'S
THIS
FEELING?

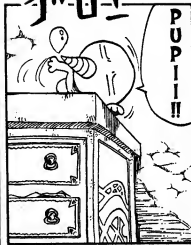
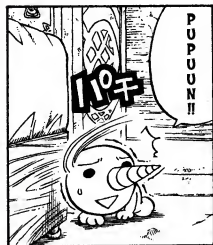
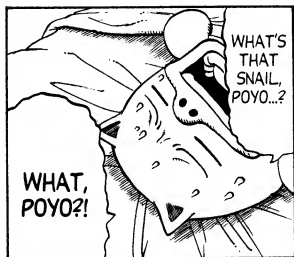


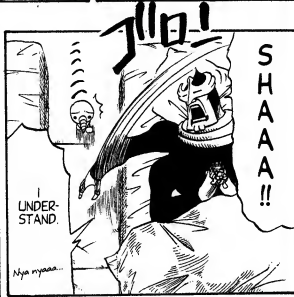
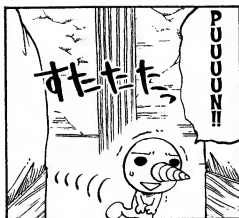
THE
BATTLE'S
ENDING
TODAY.

I'M
COUNTING
ON
THAT!



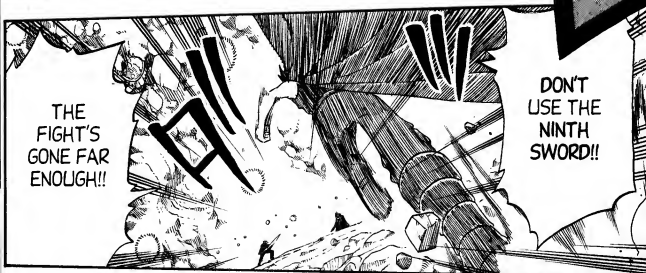








HARU!!



THE
FIGHT'S
GONE FAR
ENOUGH!!

DON'T
USE THE
NINTH
SWORD!!



SHUDA!!!

YOU'LL
DESTROY
YOURSELF!!



NGGH!

YOU'RE
JUST
SUPPOSED
TO WATCH
'TIL WE'RE
DONE.



YOU'RE A
WITNESS.
QUIT
GETTING
INVOLVED!



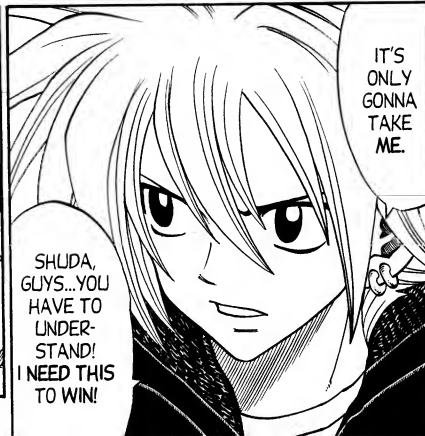
SINCLAIRE'S
POWER IS
ABSOLUTE.

I CAN
TAKE YOU
BOTH ON,
IF YOU'D
LIKE.



HARU--WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
THAT SWORD?!
RAVE'S DESTROY-
ING YOU, ISN'T
IT?!

ISN'T
IT?!



IT'S
ONLY
GONNA
TAKE
ME.

SHUDA,
GUYS...YOU
HAVE TO
UNDER-
STAND!
I NEED THIS
TO WIN!



YOUR FATHER
MIXED ONE
HECK OF A
SWORD IN
WITH THE
OTHER NINE.

I DON'T
KNOW...
BUT I
HAVE
TO
WIN.

*Forbidden



THE
BLOODLUST
SWORD,
SACRIFAR!!



GET REAL,
SHUDA! IF
IT'S THAT
BAD, WE'LL
STOP HIM
OURSELVES!



WE
LOST
OUR
CHANCE
TO
STOP
HIM.



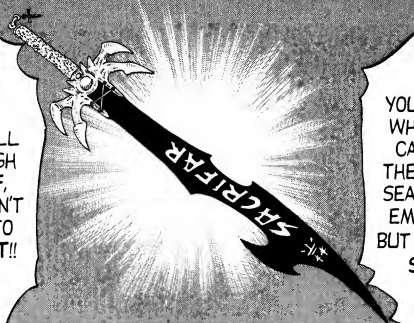
DO YOU
REALLY
WANT
HIM TO
KILL HIS
FRIENDS?!



STAY
BACK!!!



WHAT?!
WHAT THE
HELL KINDA
SWORD IS
THAT?!



HARU'S
POWER WILL
BE THROUGH
THE ROOF,
BUT HE WON'T
BE ABLE TO
CONTROL IT!!

YOU HEARD
WHAT IT'S
CALLED!
THE SWORD
SEALS ALL
EMOTIONS
BUT AGGRES-
SION!!



DO
YOU
GET IT
NOW?!

THE
SWORD GOES
BERSERK AND
KILLS ITS
WIELDER!!



NOW WE
CAN ONLY
WATCH.



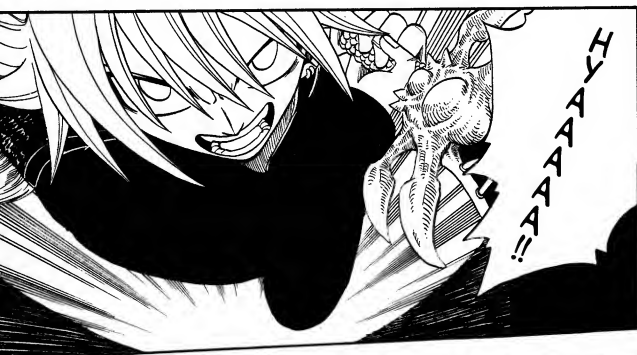
A
DEMON
SWORD.



...
WILL
KILL
HIM?



THE
SWORD
...





THIS
IS THE
POWER OF
SINCLAIRE
!!

EYES
ON ME,
WORM
!!



DISTORTION!!!

THE
PRESSURE
INSIDE THIS
WARPED
DIMENSIONAL
SPACE CAN
ANNIHILATE
ANYTHING!!



CRAP!!



クニユ



SSSS



IT'S
MAKING
STUFF
VANISH!!



ゴッゴッゴッゴッ



!!!

WHAT?
?

ARE YOU
SEEING
THIS?!

HARL'S
SHOUTING
DOWN SIN-
CLAIRE!



YAAAAH!!!



NOOO!!

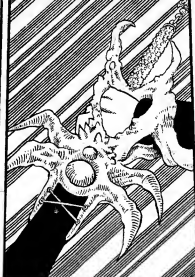
NOOO!!

WHO ARE YOU?!





THE
SWORD'S
ALREADY
FUSED
WITH HIS
ARM.

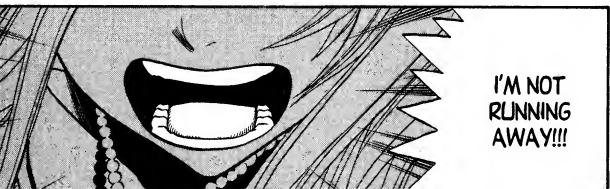


HARU
?

SWEET
MOTHER
OF...



DON'T
RUN
AWAY
!!!



I'M NOT
RUNNING
AWAY!!!

I HAVE
TO DO
SOME-
THING!



HE'S
GONE
?!



WHERE
ARE YOU,
PLUE?!

PLUE!!



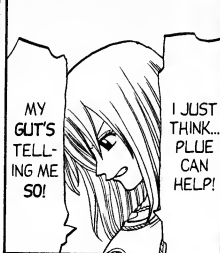
ROGER
THAT.

HARU'S IN
TROUBLE!
WE HAVE
TO FIND
PLUE!

HM? I'M
SORRY...
I WAS
ASLEEP.

EVERYBODY,
WAKE UP!
WHERE'D
PLUE GO?!





BLARGH

ハッちゃあ〜

OH!
SWEET
FREE-
DOM!!

I LIVE
ANOTHER
DAY!!

I'M
SURROUND-
ED BY
LUNATICS!

PHIEW!
I FEEL
MUCH
BETTER!

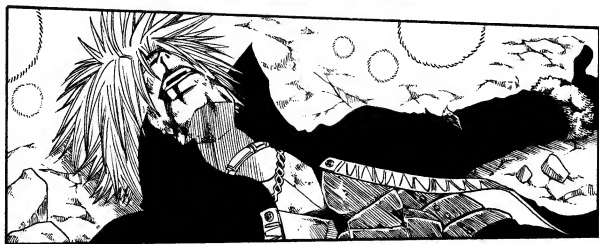
WHY'D
HE GO
AND EAT
YOU?!

WE'D
BETTER
KEEP
LOOKING...



WHY
AREN'T YOU
HERE WHEN
WE NEED
YOU MOST
OF ALL?!

PLUE...
WHERE
ARE
YOU?





...HARU
WON'T
STOP!

THE
DEMON
SWORD
CONTROLS
HIM NOW!!

TO BE CONTINUED

"AFTERWORDS"

FINALLY, RAVE'S TWENTIETH VOLUME! TIME FLIES...IT'S BEEN ALMOST FOUR YEARS SINCE I BEGAN LIFE AS A MANGA ARTIST. I HAD A LOT OF HELP--AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR IT EVERY SINGLE DAY. THANKS FOR EVERYTHING! BUT DON'T START FORGETTING ME FROM HERE ON OUT, EITHER.

ACTUALLY, I PLANNED THIS BATTLE WITH LUCIA TO BE A HALFWAY POINT OF THE SAGA. A SORT OF "CLIMAX OF THE SECOND ACT." FROM HERE, THE VARIOUS MYSTERIES OF THE RAVE MASTER SAGA WILL BEGIN TO BE RESOLVED...PROBABLY!

WHY DID SHIBA KNOW HARU? WHAT IS THE ENDLESS? WHAT'S THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HARU AND LUCIA, AND THE REMAINS OF SYMPHONIA? WHAT WAS RESHA'S CRIME? ELIE'S MEMORY, THE MEANING OF RAVE, THE WHOLE SIEG "PROTECTING TIME" STUFF, HAJA'S TRUE FORM? AND, OF COURSE, THE CONCLUSION.

I THINK IT'S NATURAL TO BE EXCITED ABOUT FINALLY DRAWING EVERYTHING I WANT TO. BUT HOLD ON JUST A BIT LONGER, FOLKS. THIS PART STILL HAS A LITTLE JUICE LEFT.

THERE'S ONLY ONE MORE RAVE AND ONE MORE TEN POWERS FORM...BUT HEY, WE'VE GOT A WHOLE SECOND HALF OF THE SERIES TO GO. I THINK IT'LL BE LONG ENOUGH.

TO ALL READERS, AND ESPECIALLY TO THE FANS WHO WRITE WITH "DON'T END THE SERIES!"...I THINK ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END AS A PART OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT. I PROMISE TO DRAW A REALLY COOL MANGA NEXT TIME. SERIOUSLY, I WILL. OF COURSE, THAT'S STILL ABOUT TEN VOLUMES DOWN THE ROAD. (^_^) UNTIL THEN, I'LL TRY MY BEST TO FULFILL EVERYONE'S EXPECTATIONS.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW. SEE YOU NEXT VOLUME!

HIRO MASHIMA